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OUTLINES.

The report of committee on the Roberts case was presented in the House, and argued by Tayler for the majority and Littlefield for the minority; Roberts also addressed the House. ——Montreal capitalists have secured control of all the surface street railways in Havana. ——A negro preacher near New Kent court house, Va., was beaten to death by his wife. ——British steamer Ardandhu sunk in collision and two of her crew drowned. ——Americans have occupied Santa Cruz, on Laguna de Bay; Filipinos deserted the town. ——Boers continue to bombard Kimberley. ——Gen. Buller's flanking movement on the Boers has come to a standstill; the position of the Boers is unassailable in daylight and a night assault is contemplated. ——The New York markets yesterday: Money on call steady at 3@3½ per cent.; last loan at 3 per cent.; cotton quiet, middling uplands 7⅞c; flour active and firm; wheat—spotfirm, No. 2 red 75½c; corn—spot heavy, No. 2, 40½c; oats—spot dull; No. 2 29½c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine steady.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 23.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 53 degrees; 8 P. M., 59 degrees; maximum, 71 degrees; minimum, 54 degrees; mean, 62 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 6.12 inches.

Stage of water at Fayetteville 11.7 feet.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.—For North Carolina: Fair Wednesday; increasing cloudiness with showers near the coast Wednesday night and Thursday, ith winds shifting to northeasterly and easterly.

Port Almanac--Jan. 24.

Sun Rises	7.06 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.19 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H.13 M.
High Water at Southport.	1.20 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington.	3.50 P. M.

Gen. Wheeler has sailed from Manila for home, and Gen. Otis has not wept one little tear.

General Buller told his army there would be "no turning back." A good many of them may go right on to Pretoria—escorted by Boer guards.

Up to the 12th inst. there had been twenty-seven deaths in Honolulu from the bubonic plague. Twenty-five hundred people were then under detention.

Nikola Tesla says he has it down fine now and can send wireless messages from New York to Paris. If Nik can run this business as well as he does his claiming apparatus he'll get there.

While in the Senate folding room recently, Senator Cockrell, of Missouri, shucked his senatorial dignity, pulled off his coat and helped the boys to get a lot of documents ready for mailing.

Fourteen years ago Richard Croker was dependent on his $6,000 salary as chief fire commissioner of New York. Now he is said to be worth $5,000,000. Dick must have had a pull on something.

It is said that the $35,000,000 contract given to Mr. McDonald to build that underground railway in New York is the biggest contract ever given to one man in this or in any other country.

It is very hard for some men to break away from the habits contracted in youth. Congressman Needham, of California, who contracted the habit of stamp collecting in youth sticks to it yet.

Mr. Maus, of Indiana, who is rich, wants to have his name changed because people persist in calling him "Mouse," just as they did when he was poor. He feels too big for that now, and it makes him mad. He ought to have his name changed to Ratz.

The famine in India is becoming a very serious matter. According to Viceroy Curzon 22,000,000 of the people affected are in British territory and 27,000,000 in the native States. The cost of relief up to April 1st is estimated at $20,000,000. About 3,500,000 people are now receiving aid.

There is a family in Augusta, Ga., and another in Lynchburg, Va, in which there is a remarkable coincidence in names. The family name is Clark. In each there is a Walter Clark, whose father was named Samuel, and whose mother's maiden name was Walker. Both of the Walters have brothers named Samuel and William, uncles named Charles and John, and an aunt named Elizabeth. But they are in no way related.

PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY.

Creditors Ask That Mr. W. H. Gaylord Be Adjudged Insolvent—Liabilities Estimated $19,000, Assets $13,000.

A petition in involuntary bankruptcy was filed yesterday with the Deputy Clerk of the U. S. District Court asking that Mr. W. H. Gaylord, proprietor of the "Bee Hive" No. 117 South Front street, and the "Bee Hive" clothing store No. 115 South Front street, be adjudged insolvent.

The petitioners are George O. Gaylord, J. R. Boyd and H. L. Vollers, who are creditors in the sum of $3,180, $5.03 and $35 respectively. The attorneys for the alleged bankrupt are Messrs. Empie & Empie and Herbert McClammy, Esq. The petitioning creditors have given bond in the sum of $2,000 with Messrs. Geo. O. Gaylord and H. L. Vollers as sureties, and the stock of goods has been taken in charge by the Deputy Marshal and the store closed. The liabilities are estimated in the petition at $19,000 and the assets at $13,000.

The order to show cause why Mr. Gaylord should not be adjudged a bankrupt is returnable January 29th at 11 o'clock A. M., at which time Mr. Gaylord's numerous friends in Wilmington hope that he will have made satisfactory arrangements with his creditors and resumed business.

Many of the out-of-town creditors are represented by Messrs. Bellamy & Peschau and W. J. Bellamy, Esq.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Another case of scarlet fever was quarantined yesterday. There was none of diphtheria.

— Mr. E. V. Richards will begin work this week on the new drop curtain for the Opera House.

— Spirits was off a cent in the naval stores market yesterday. Sales were made at 50@50½ cents.

— The tennis court on the grounds at the City Hospital has been put in good shape, and is now ready for use by the members.

— The upper Cape Fear river boats, with the exception of the *Driver*, were all in port yesterday, but cleared in the afternoon for the return.

— The Board of Directors of the East Carolina Truck and Fruit Growers' Association have appointed a meeting to be held here to-morrow.

— The Clyde steamship *Saginaw* arrived at about 11 o'clock yesterday morning from New York, having been delayed for a few hours on account of fog.

— The STAR is requested to announce that there will be a meeting of the Piano Club at Mrs. VanLaer's music rooms this morning at 10.45 o'clock.

— The remains of Mrs. Asha E. Rodgers, who died early yesterday morning, were taken on the 9.45 A. M. A. C. L. train to Magnolia for funeral and interment.

— Over a thousand bales of cotton were received in the market yesterday, against 269 over the same day last year. The shipments yesterday were principally by the W., C. & A. and W. & W. railroads.

— The sale of property for taxes was continued at the court house yesterday, Mr. Owen Fennell acting as auctioneer. Several parcels were disposed of, and the sale adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

— Ed Hawes, a colored steamboat hand, was locked up yesterday afternoon on suspicion of having received stolen goods. He employed Robert Rourk, Esq., to defend him and gave bond for his appearance at the Mayor's Court this morning.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Cumming—For sale cheap.
Johnson Dry Goods Co.—Special.
Opera House—"A Country Visitor."

Mr. Bellamy's Contest.

Election Committee No. 2, of the House, which will pass upon the merits of the contest brought by Dockery against Hon. John D. Bellamy for his seat in Congress, will have a hearing of the case and a review of the depositions on Friday, February 9th.

The committee is composed of the following members: Walter L. Weaver, (Rep.) of Ohio; William E. Olmsted, (Rep.) of Pennsylvania; Charles B. Landis, (Rep.) of Indiana; J. M. Miller, (Rep.) of Kansas; Charles H. Burke, (Rep.) of South Dakota; Lot Thomas, (Rep.) of Iowa; James M. Robinson, (Dem.) of Indiana; Charles E. Snodgrass, (Dem.) of Tennessee; H. D. Green, (Dem.) of Pennsylvania.

It will be seen that of the nine members composing the committee, six are Republicans and three Democrats.

First in the South.

The STAR is in receipt of a letter from Mr. D. L. Saylor, of Wadesboro, in which he corrects an erroneous statement in a recent Weldon dispatch to the effect that the silk mill now in course of construction at Weldon makes the second in the State, the one at Fayetteville being first. The first silk mill in the South was started in Wadesboro in April or May, 1888, and the second was one at Petersburg, Va. "Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's," says Mr. Saylor; "Wadesboro had the first silk mill in the State and in the South."

Johnson's Great Clearance Sale to-day. †

Johnson's Special Sale to-day. †

THE SUPERIOR COURT

First Day's Active Session Held Yesterday, Judge Brown Presiding.

CHANGE MADE IN CALENDAR.

Case of E. D. McIlhenny Against the City of Wilmington Argued on Demurrer. Several Other Cases Disposed Of—Jurors Drawn.

New Hanover Superior Court opened yesterday morning the first day's session of the term, Judge Geo. H. Brown presiding.

The cases for the first part were uninteresting and were either left open, continued or disposed of as follows:

Alice Ward vs. J. J. Ward, judgment for plaintiff. A. J. Marshall attorney.

William Telfair vs. Henrita Telfair, continued. Herbert McClammy, attorney.

Julia Emma Griffith vs. Edward S. Griffith, left open. Iredell Meares attorney.

A Sartor vs. Hattie B. Sartor, judgment for the plaintiff. J. D. Bellamy attorney.

Isaac Wilson vs. Elsie Wilson, continued. Herbert McClammy, attorney.

State vs. Thomas Croom, judgment against the defendant for $5 and costs.

State vs. W. E. Worth, dismissed; City of Wilmington to bear half the costs and Mr. Worth half.

The case of E. D. McIlhenny against the City of Wilmington for damages in the sum of $10,000, reference to which was made in the STAR yesterday, was taken up the last thing before adjournment at 1 o'clock. Herbert McClammy, Esq., read the complaint in the case, which sets forth that Thos. Temple, a policeman of the Wright administration, did unlawfully arrest the complainant, exercising unlawful and cruel means in so doing. It was also set forth that after the arrest the plaintiff was discharged and the officer publicly reprimanded for his conduct in making the arrest; that notwithstanding this, the said officer was retained in the employ of the city, when it was known that he was incompetent even before this time.

City Attorney Meares demurred to the complaint and Judge Brown then discharged the jury for the day and heard argument against sustaining the same by Messrs. McClammy and Rountree. Iredell Meares, Esq., argued the case for the city. Judge Brown reserved his decision in the matter.

A feature of the session was the swearing in of Robert Rourk, Esq., as a member of the Wilmington bar. Mr. Rourk will have offices in the Masonic Temple and starts upon his legal career under the most flattering auspices.

The Sheriff returned the following jurors summoned for the term: J. H. Ottaway, Clayton Giles, Sr., E. J. Dale, M. L. Stover, C. E. Gordon, S. S. Williams, J. D. Woody, G. W. Chesnutt, John Baker, W. L. Coble, Benj. Bell, Alex. Wells, Wm. L. Harlow, Alex. Boswell, A. B. Benson, H. T. Duls, J. H. Rheder, W. M. Hansley, J. E. Gordon, W. W. Hines, T. C. Coleman. Those not found were D. Goodman and E. P. Craig.

The following were excused: Clayton Giles, M. L. Stover, C. E. Gordon, J. S. Williams, G. W. Chesnutt, Benj. Bell, H. T. Duls, T. C. Coleman, Alex. Boswell, W. L. Harlow and W. L. Coble.

Judge Brown ordered ten jurors drawn daily under Chapter Seventeen of the Acts of 1885.

The cases set for February 2nd were moved back to to-day and those of February 1st to January 30th.

PLAYED A TIE GAME.

Foot Ball Elevens Scored 5 to 5 in a Close Contests Yesterday Afternoon.

The rival young foot ball elevens of Miss Alderman's Select School and that of the C. J. C.'s played an interesting game on the O. A. N. grounds yesterday afternoon, in which neither team was the winner, the score standing 5 to 5 after a hard fought contest. Two halves of thirty minutes each were played, and those that distinguished themselves for special work were: Chadwick, McIntyre, Montgomery, Galloway and Wescott for the school team, and Peck, Moore, Holt, Schulken, Bellamy and Payne for the C. J. C.'s.

The following was the line up of the teams:

MISS ALDERMAN'S.		C. J. C.'S.
Stafford	c	Payne
Bloome	rg	Gaylord
Peschau	rt	Schulken
Galloway	re	Holt
King	lg	Bailey
Wescott	lt	Dunn
McIntyre	le	Moore
Chadwick	qb	Bellamy
Marshall	fb	Powers
Montgomery	lhb	Peck
Emerson	rhb	Davis

Umpire—Sam Potts.
Time keeper—Dr. Robt. Strange.
Linesman—Bell.

The Blanche's Accident.

The wreck report of the tug *Blanche* which was disabled one night last week while passing up the river with two vessels in tow, was filed yesterday at the Custom House by Capt. L. J. Pepper, master. Capt. Pepper says in the report that it is very probable an obstruction was struck by the propeller, dislocating the machinery and causing the other damage outlined. The value of the tug is estimated at $10,000 and the damage is estimated at $2,500 with insurance on boat $5,000.

Everything at Johnson's offered today at a Special Discount for Cash. †

Get some of Johnson's Big Bargains to-day. †

A RELIGIOUS FANATIC.

Mulatto or Indian Who Has Established Queer Doctrine in Which His Subjects Pay Him Tribute.

Magistrates very often have queer characters to deal with, but one of the "queerest of the queer" was before Justice McGowan yesterday afternoon.

He is a bright mulatto or Indian, and proclaims himself "Percy Fadelia Domini, King of the Creoles and God of the Earth." He is the same negro who some time ago figured in "Brooklyn" under the cognomen "Peace" and secured a large following of negroes in a queer religious doctrine, of which he was the central figure. He is said to have been subsequently driven from the city by colored people, and yesterday afternoon Justice McGowan had him arraigned on the charge of forcible trespass upon the lands of Mr. J. H. Boatwright, about seven miles from Wilmington, on the A. & Y. railroad. Upon this land he had pitched two tents, where he resided with one of his female followers, and refused to vacate when ordered by agents of Mr. Boatwright, upon the ground that the land originally belonged to his Indian people and had never been legitimately acquired by the whites. Here he lived in solitude and each week his followers in the city of which there are a number, would go up to the camp and pay tribute to their avowed chief. Many of these men and women were in evidence at the trial yesterday wearing black turbans as an evidence of their belief and when he was ordered to vacate the lands and pay the costs of the case, one of the members went forward promptly and settled the amount.

They were given two days in which to "break camp."

Mr. J. P. Flynn, special deputy, went up to the camp yesterday morning and made the arrest, placing him in jail until the hour for trial. Mr. Miles Costin, section master on the A. & Y., went with him to assist in the arrest and the negro is said to have used towards him some of the vilest language and against the entire white race.

He left for the camp late in the afternoon and it is presumed he will "move."

Death of Mrs. James F. Post.

The STAR regrets to chronicle the death of Mrs. Mary Russell Post, widow of the late Mr. James F. Post, which occurred yesterday at 3 P. M. at the residence of her son, Mr. James F. Post, Jr., 112 North Seventh street. The deceased has been in precarious health since early last Summer, and was seriously ill when her husband pased away on the 15th of last July. She came of a long-lived family and up to the first of last year she bore her advanced years remarkably well.

Mrs. Post was born at Petersburg, Va., and was aged 76 years and 7 months. She married Mr. Post at Petersburg in 1842, and that union lasted for 57 years up to the death of Mr. Post. She came to Wilmington several years after her marriage and has resided here for a half century. She leaves only two children, Mr. James F. Post, Jr., secretary and treasurer of the Atlantic Coast Line, and Mr. Thomas R. Post, cashier of the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Company, both highly esteemed citizens of this city.

The deceased was an unostentatious woman and was devoted to her home circle. She was much beloved by a circle of close friends, and the devoted sons who have sustained a double bereavement in the death of their father and mother within six months, have the sympathy of their numerous friends.

The funeral will take place at 3.30 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of Mr. James F. Post, Jr. The interment will be made in Oakdale cemetery.

Marriage Next Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Horne, No. 312 Red Cross street, have mailed to friends invitations announcing the marriage of their daughter, Miss Janie, to Mr. James Allen Oldham, a popular young man formerly of Wilmington, but now of Charleston, S. C., where he has a responsible position with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company. The ceremony will be performed on Wednesday afternoon, January 31st, at 2.30 o'clock in Grace M. E. Church, of this city, after which time they will be at home to friends, No. 100 Broad street, Charleston, S. C.

Will Entertain Alumni.

Among the social events scheduled for the week is a six-o'clock dinner, which will be given Saturday evening at The Orton House by Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, complimentary to the Wake Forest Alumni in the city, of which there are quite a large number. The evening will be rendered especially pleasant by the presence of editor J. W. Bailey, of the *Biblical Recorder*, who is expected in the city at that time to spend Sunday. The affair promises to be an elaborate and enjoyable one.

Leland's School.

Mr. J. W. Gay, of Leland, was in the city on business yesterday. He expresses much gratification over the fact that Leland still has an excellent school. Miss Maud Paddison, of Point Caswell, the efficient teacher last year, did not return this year, but the school secured a most excellent teacher in Miss Hyacinth Peterson, also of Point Caswell. Her school now has eighteen pupils.

No one can afford to miss the splendid Bargains at Johnson's. †

DROWNED IN A WELL.

Negro Fell Headlong Thirty Feet and Was Drowned Almost Instantly.

HE WAS BADLY INTOXICATED.

Lost His Balance While Seated on Curb Eating Lunch Given Him by White Lady on Red Cross Street--The Coroner Viewed Body.

Spencer Stanford, an old negro wood sawyer aged about 60 years and who has spent much of his old age in the station house where he was confined for drunkenness, fell into a well at the rear of the residence of Miss Lou Smith, at corner of Second and Red Cross streets last night about 7.30 o'clock and drowned. The old negro had finished sawing some wood for Miss Smith in the afternoon and at night he returned badly intoxicated and asked Miss Smith for something to eat, which she wrapped in a paper at the same time telling him to sit down in the back yard and eat it. He went to the well and sat on the edge of the stone curbing, which is round and which extends about two feet above the ground.

Miss Smith, after handing the lunch to the old negro through the kitchen window, resumed her household duties, when a few minutes later she and an old colored woman living at the rear of the residence were surprised to hear Stanford falling into the well, which is about thirty-five feet deep and curbed in a circular form from the bottom.

The old negro woman notified some one, who telephoned the occurrence to the City Hall and to Dr. Price, the coroner.

The body was taken from the well by the Hook and Ladder boys, and after viewing the same Dr. Price ordered it placed in the morgue at the City Hall for burial to-day. There were no bruises on the body and from the position in which Ladderman Jake Wannamaker found him when he went down in the well and attached a rope to the negro's body, it is supposed he fell headlong and drowned before he could make an outcry.

The water is about five feet deep in the well and the distance to the surface of the ground from the water line is about thirty feet.

Stanford was a harmless old negro and his only fault was in drinking too heavily. He weighed over two hundred pounds and was one of the old type of negroes. He has no relatives here.

The King of North Carolina.

It has long been known that North Carolina has a King and in time of yore his autograph frequently decorated the pages of The Orton register, but for nine months he has not paid a visit to his possessions round about Wilmington. He has been in bad health, much to the regret of his Wilmington subjects, but yesterday they were exceedingly glad to again see the monarch at The Orton. He modestly registered as Jeff D. King and by those entitles he is sometimes known. He has never bothered his head about ruling his dominions, but once upon a time he sold tobacco by the carload, whereas now he comes out to represent Messrs. Block & Gunn, of Richmond, Va., agents for the disinfecting appliances of the West Disinfecting Company.

Mr. King, well known for his marvellous genius in numerous respects, now comes to the front as author, having recently published an abridged encyclopædia called "The King's English," containing 10,000 words of difficult or doubtful pronunciation and giving the correct pronunciation. One of these he presents to THE STAR, and indeed it will be found exceedingly valuable and useful. The author has long borne the distinction of being the only performer in the world on the kaz ouzle-ouzle, made from the wing of the caraway bird, and he is now at work in putting the finishing touches on a unique instrument which he has made of 'possum bones and which he will call the whang wherr, from the dulcet sounds it emits when properly mouthed by an expert.

Religious Paper for Wilmington.

Beginning about the first of Febuary, the Rev. J. J. Payseur, pastor of Brooklyn Baptist Church of this city, will commence the publication of a paper called *The Helper*. It will be a small four-page paper and will be issued monthly.

The Rev. Mr. Payseur will be the editor of *The Helper*, and he informs the STAR that "this little paper will be run in a special way for the benefit of the three Baptist Churches of the city, and in a general way to help any Christian work of the city. In addition to the editorial work of Mr. Payseur, arrangements have been made to have one page conducted by the Rev. Dr. Calvin S. Blackwell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and one by the Rev. R. H. Herring, pastor of South Side Baptist Church.

The subscription price of *The Helper* will be 25 cents per annum, or 15 cents for six months. Several columns will be devoted to advertising matter. The first edition will be one thousand copies.

Mr. Payseur formerly published *The Helper* at Concord, N. C., where he was pastor of the Baptist Church previous to his coming to Wilmington. He has, therefore, had experience in journalistic harness and judging from a copy of the Concord edition which has been sent to the STAR the little paper will have merit to commend it to a generous support.

L'AGILE GERMAN CLUB.

Dance at the Masonic Temple Last Evening—The Participants.

The January german of L'Agile German Club was danced last night at the Masonic Temple. Mr. Milton C. Elliott conducted the couples through the mazes of the german in a skillful and graceful manner. The music was furnished by Haywood's Capital City Band.

The following couples participated: J. C. Angel with Miss Nora Angel, T. E. Brown with Miss Leonora Cantwell, G. W. Brunson with Miss M. L. McKoy, J. G. Cotchett with Miss Mabel Powers, H. M. Croswell with Miss Katie Maffitt, W. C. Crow with Miss Lula Hawkins, F. N. DeRosset with Miss Maude Haigh of Fayetteville, C. McD. Davis with Miss Mildred Davis, Howell Fry with Miss Fannie Williams, E. R. Foster with Miss Olive Armstrong, McR. Hatch with Miss Janie Peck, H. G. MacFarlane with Miss Tallulah DeRosset, H. J. McMillan with Miss Jennie Burbank, E. A. Metts with Miss Eliza Metts, W. C. Monroe with Miss Louise Bunting, R. N. Nash with Miss Lucy Latham, O. P. Peck with Miss Anna Peck, J. B. Peschau with Miss Lilly Gray of Raleigh, H. L. Saunders with Miss Fannie Green, O. A. Wiggins with Miss Augusta Wiggins, M. C. Elliott with Miss Atkinson of Richmond, G. A. Foote with Miss Della Clark.

The following ladies chaperoned the dance: Mrs. Victor Grainger, Mrs. Walker Taylor, Mrs. Bridgers and Mrs. Carmichael.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. C. M. Cooper, of Henderson, is in the city.

— Mr. E. B. Wright, of Boardman, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mr. D. F. Wright, of Whiteville, was on our streets yesterday.

— E. M. Koonce, Esq., of Jacksonville, was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. H. Stroud, of Nichols, made business calls in the city yesterday.

— Mr. R. D. Thompson, of Richlands, was in the city on business yesterday.

— Mr. E. B. Walker, of Greensboro, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

— Miss Eliza Faison, of Faison, is visiting in the city, the guest of friends and relatives.

— Messrs. S. D. Kelly and W. S. Larkins, of Point Caswell, were visitors to the city yesterday.

— Dr. J. T. McCracken, of Durham, N. C., is spending a few days in the city, the guest of Dr. C. T. Hawes.

— Messrs. M. M. Crowell and C. K. Messick, of Charlotte, were among the arrivals in the city yesterday.

— Capt. F. B. Rice, government steamboat hull inspector, with headquarters at Charleston, is in the city for a few days.

— The STAR was glad to have a visit last evening from Mr. W. J. Powell, business manager of the Wilbur-Kirwin Opera Co.

— Mr. Thad W. Griffin, of Petersburg, Va., representing the Sutton-Patterson Company, manufacturers of the famous Texie cigar, is at The Orton. Mr. Griffin has been making commercial tours here for fifteen years and no man on the road is so firmly fixed in the confidence of the trade.

— Col. John N. Staples, of Greensboro, N. C., one of North Carolina's most eminent lawyers and foremost Democrats, was in the city on professional business yesterday. Col. Staples was elector at large in the Cleveland campaign, and his able canvass is still fresh in the memory of the people.

For the Organ Fund.

The first of the 1900 series of entertainments to be given by the Organ Fund Society of Grace M. E. Church occurred last night at the residence of Mrs. W. H. Shaw, on North Fourth street between Grace and Walnut. There was a large attendance, and the following programme was delightfully rendered:

Solo, (Cornet) "March"—Mr. E. C. Craft.

Piano Solo, "Hunting Song"—Miss Corbett.

Vocal Solo, (a) "A Day Dream;" (b) "The Kentucky Babe"—Miss Horne.

"Posings in Delsarte"—Miss Mabel Bowler.

Vocal Solo, (a) "Gaily Chant the Summer Birds;" (b) "My Bairnie"—Miss Slagle.

Recital—Miss Hattie Taylor.

Piano Solo, (a) "Mennetto;" (b) "La Lirowjera"—Miss Lucie Bowden.

Piano Duet, "Gallop, op. 24"—Mrs. Mattie Chasten and Mr. James Craft.

The various numbers were greatly enjoyed and applauded with much heartiness.

After the programme had been carried out the ladies served delightful refreshments.

A pretty sum was realized for the fund to purchase an organ for Grace Church.

The Y. M. C. A. Night School.

The Y. M. C. A. night school is making fine progress under Mr. A. J. Howell, Jr. He has eighteen pupils, and there is increased interest in the work. The school meets at 8 o'clock, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Mr. Howell is contemplating the establishment of a day school in addition to the night school.

Johnson's Clearance Sale to-day. †

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ART LEAGUE FAKIR ARRESTED

The One Who Worked Pender is Thought to Be in Limbo, in Nash County. In Jail Awaiting Trial.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

NASHVILLE, N. C., Jan., 22, 1900.

There is a man in jail here awaiting trial for getting money under false pretences. It is thought that he is the same man who travelled through Pender county some time ago, as he is engaged in the same business. He says that his name is W. H. Hamilton and he represents the Southern Art League and Conservatory of Music, of Richmond, Va., who enlarge pictures for $1.50 and require the payment of fifty cents cash, the balance of one dollar to be paid when the work is done, and this includes a large frame, with gold leaf finish.

In the Weekly STAR of Jan. 19th some of our citizens saw the letter written by the special correspondent of the STAR, under the head of "Fakir Worked Pender Well," and they believe that the man who passed off as Thomas in Pender is the same man who has been working Nash county. His trial will come up at Nashville, N. C., on the 26th day of January, 1900, and we will be glad to have you notify the correspondent at Point Caswell that we want a man sent here to the trial who knows Thomas well and has been swindled by him, so that we may join hands with the good people of Pender in this prosecution of this man and his associates who we are confident are now working other sections of the State.

I regard your paper as a great advertiser, as but for the letter in The STAR of the 19th our people would have been too late, as the people of Pender were. Please have us a man here on the 26th to identify Thomas.

R. A. P. COOLEY,
Attorney for prosecution.

At The Opera House.

A "Country Visitor," a rural comedy that will appear at the Opera House to-morrow night will be presented by a company of high class comedians, vocalists, dancers, and musical artists. The comedy creation of the twentieth century, with all its special scenery, mechanical effects and calcium lights only helps to add to the success of this play. See the funny farmer band parade as it passes through your principal streets about noon time on day of exhibition. See Hayes, America's champion trick bicycle rider, who will perform many difficult feats while leading the parade. See Harry Green, who only comes to spend the day with you.

Reserved seats are now on sale at usual place.

National Union Installation.

Worth-Bagley Council No. 827, National Union, installed officers as follows last night, Rev. A. D. McClure acting as installing officer:

President—J. W. Monroe.
Vice President—J. H. Taylor, Jr.
Sec. and Treas.—T. J. Pratt.
Financial Sec.—A. S. Holden.
Chaplain—Rev. A. D. McClure.
Usher—T. B. Oldham.
Ser. at A.—S. S. Drew.
Doorkeeper—W. W. Miller.
Trustees—W. C. VonGlahn, Alex. Adrian and W. M. Cumming.

A CARD.

EDITOR STAR:—In answer to an article in yesterday's STAR, would like to say that there is only one white lineman out of employment in the city that I have not offered a position in rebuilding the fire alarm system, and that is on account of causes well known to myself and all managers of electrical plants in the city who will not give him employment.

JOHN T. YATES,
Supt. Fire Alarm System.

DIED.

POST—In the city of Wilmington, N. C., at 3 P. M. Tuesday, January 23, 1900, Mrs. MARY RUSSELL POST, widow of the late Mr. James F. Post, aged 77 years and 7 months.

Funeral will take place this (Wednesday) afternoon at 3.30 o'clock from the residence of her son, Mr. James F. Post, Jr., 112 North Seventh street. Friends and acquaintances invited to attend.

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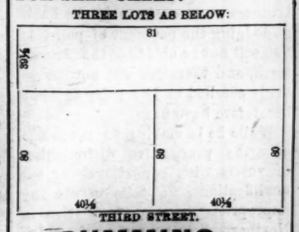

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"Don't Swap Horses WHILE CROSSING THE STREAM."

There is solid sense in the above. It is better to keep safe on solid ground before trying something new and untried. For many years smokers have smoked the unmatchable.

"Cuban Blossom" Cigars.

We can't convince you unless you give this Fine Cigar a trial, and then you will be convinced without doubt, and in future be a friend of this famous Cigar. This Cigar contains the choicest selected Havana, being mild and a pleasure to smoke.

We only sell our goods through dealers, as is well understood.

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WE ARE ON THE JOBBERS' LIST AND WILL SELL YOU GOODS RIGHT.

Country Merchants would do well to get our prices before placing orders.

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NOTICE.

The Copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the name and style of THE SNEED-FULLER CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Edgar W. Fuller retiring.

The business will be hereafter conducted by I. E. Sneed, under the name and style of THE SNEED CO., who assumes all liabilities of The Sneed-Fuller Co., and is authorized to collect all debts due the said firm and receipt for the same.

I. E. SNEED,
EDGAR W. FULLER.
Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 22, 1900. ja 23 3t

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All orders filled the day received.

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The Mirthful Comedy,

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SPECIAL SCENERY. PRETTY DANCERS. SWEET SINGERS. NEW MUSIC.

See our funny Farmer Band on street parade on day of exhibition. Hear Prof. McRogers' Operatic Orchestra.

Prices, 50, 35, 25 cents.

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Newspaper Press for Sale!

An Improved Prouty Cylinder, seven column folio, on which "The Kinston Free Press" is now printed. Has Throw-off, and is in good condition. Will be sold cheap for cash. If in need of a Press of this size you would do well to write or come and see it in operation.

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MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon	1	8:52 a.m.	Full Moon	15	2:07 p.m.
First Quarter	8	0:40 a.m.	Third Quarter	23	6:53 p.m.
New Moon	30	8:22 p.m.			

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 24.

AN ADJUSTABLE CURRENCY.

In all the proposed currency schemes but very little attention is given to plans for adjusting the volume of money or providing the country with a flexible currency the need of which is generally admitted. With a view to better providing the country, and especially the sections which are now deficient in banking accommodations, it is proposed to permit the national banks to issue notes to the face value of the bonds they deposit in the Treasury, and to reduce the minimum bank capital from $50,000 to $25,000 where banks are established in small towns. This would, if the banks availed themselves of it, add about $30,000,000 to the currency, and might result in the establishment of a few more banks in the South and West. But it would neither supply the volume of paper currency needed or one flexible enough to adjust itself to the business conditions or demands of business.

Various plans have been proposed for the consideration of the currency reformers in Washington who are discussing currency bills, but they seem to be so devoted to the national banks that they give very little heed to any plan that does not embrace the national banks as the sole dispensers of paper currency. Very few of the national bankers have given themselves any concern over the question of flexible currency, because they are pretty sure of controlling the volume, and can expand or contract it to suit themselves, but occasionally one does interest himself in it, and has the candor to admit that the national banks do not meet the requirements. Thos. J. Borden is the president of a national bank at Fall River, Mass. He believes in State banks as the institutions to give the country an "ideal elastic currency" but sees no hope for the establishment of these and therefore offers the following plan providing for the flexibility of the national bank currency and adapting the volume to the demands of business in the various seasons. We quote from the New York *Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin* in which his letter appears:

"The demand for currency for the movement of the crops during the fall months is very large. It is an annual and never-failing occurrence. A surplus during the spring and summer months invariably follows. The disbursement to the agricultural sections occurs chiefly during September, October and November, and the return flow takes place from February to June. Currency accumulates largely in the money centres during the spring and summer months, seeking employment at abnormally low rates.

Speculation is thereby greatly stimulated, followed periodically by a greater or less collapse. The speculation and the resulant collapse are both recognized evils which can be largely abated by an elastic currency adapting itself to the country's needs automatically, or by an adjustable currency having annual cycles so arranged as to harmonize closely with the natural requirements.

A thoroughly elastic currency would meet the varying demands from whatever cause arising, but an adjustable currency would meet the annual fluctuations in demand and remove much of the cause of the abnormal demands which occasionally occur.

"An elastic currency can only be attained by a thorough and constant system of redemption by which every bank note, on reaching any financial centre, shall be returned to the issuing bank for redemtion.

"The best method of accomplishing the matter would be the maintenance of a redemption bureau in connection with each of the clearing houses throughout the country.

"The labor of assorting the large volume of currency of the 3,600 National banks and the cost of transportation to the place of redemption would inevitably involve a large expense. The cost of the single redemption bureau in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency during the year ending June 30, 1899, was, for transportation, $30,725.56; assorting, $90,565.84; total, 121,291.40, being $1.34 per $1,000 of currency redeemed. The redemption bureau maintained by the New England banks previous to the Civil war, known as tne 'Suffolk Bank System,' was an excellent example of the operation and value of such a system.

"A bond-secured currency is not well adapted to such purpose. Bank capital locked up in United States bonds which yield an income of only a trifle over 2 per cent. on their market value cannot bear the cost of redemption bureaus and the chance of having, at times, a considerable amount of their currency lying idle in their vaults, yielding no income.

"The ideal currency for such purpose would be that based upon bank assets, as was that of the New England banks previous to the Civil War; but the country is evidently not ripe for that, the general sentiment being strongly in favor of a secured bond surrency.

"The annual fluctuations in the amount of currency needed can be fairly met by providing: That every bank issuing currency shall hold, in addition to the reserve now required by law, national bank notes or United States Treasury notes, or both, for the following percentages of the bonds deposited by its security for its circulation: During February, 5 per cent.; March, 10 per cent.; April, 15 per cent.; May, 20 per cent.; June, 20 per cent.; July, 20 per cent.; August, 15 per cent.; September, 10 per cent.; October, 5 per cent.

"The result would be that each bank would practically have currency outstanding each month as follows:

	Per Cent.		Per Cent.
January	100	July	80
February	95	August	85
March	90	September	90
April	85	October	95
May	95	November	100
June	80	December	100

of the par value of bonds deposited by it, averaging for the twelve months 90 per cent., being exactly the amount recommended by the Comptroller in his recent report, to be issued without tax.

"So far as the general result is concerned it is quite immaterial whether each bank retires its own issues or those of other banks so long as each retires its pro rata share of the aggregate in proportion to its amount of currency outstanding, which would be the case under the foregoing provisions.

"These changes can be made with comparative ease, not exceeding 5 per cent. in any one one month, with a minimum of expense, avoiding the assorting and transportation of currency involved in a redemption system, but accomplishing approximately the same result.

"Every bank would know in advance what it had to provide for during the reduction, and would have in hand currency for disbursement during the Fall, with a maximum amount of circulation during November, December and January, when of greatest value."

This seems to provide for an equilibrium, for a larger volume of notes when they are most needed and a smaller volume when least needed, and possibly it might do some good, but the real trouble would remain, though to a somewhat less extent, namely the West and the South would still be dependent upon the East for their currency when there might be an extraordinary demand for it. But even in the opinion of president Borden, this scheme is a mere makeshift for want of a better, his opinion favoring State banks, which he considers the system for furnishing an ideal currency, self-regulating, based upon bankable assets other than United States bonds, which are subjects of speculation and therefore fluctuating in value and not reliable as a basis of circulation. In this he agrees with Secretary Gage, who takes substantially the same view.

One of the essential features of a true banking system provides for a flexible currency, automatically distributing and adjusting itself, as would be the case when the notes were made redeemable by the issuing bank and when the notes would come back to that bank without necessitating the employment of numerous agencies or machinery and a superlative quantity of red tape with appropriate expense. With States banks these notes which went away from home would soon find their way back to the issued bank, but very few of them would go from home, as other kinds of money and checks would be used in transactions at a distance. The State bank notes would be used merely for home circulation, and as the bulk of these would remain at home there would be an end of the note famines that are so common now.

But however strong the arguments may be for State banks or however numerous the reasons for establishing them, the currency reformers seem to be bent to the national banks and seem determined to give them the monopoly of our currency, whether a better system might be established or not.

PRITCHARD'S DELIVERY.

Monday Senator Pritchard delivered himself of that threatened speech on the proposed constitutional amendment. He started out with the declaration that, if adopted, it would disfranchise a good many men, both white and black, but as he proceeded and warmed up he showed that he was very much more interested in the colored contingent than in the white.

Passing over the fact that the Senate of the United States has no more to do with this question than it has with the fracas in the Transvaal. Senatar Pritchard does not make an honest statement of the case. The burden of his complaint is that the amendment will disfranchise the negro, that it discriminates against the negro and is therefore unjust. Neither of these is true. While it will disfranchise some negroes, thousands will continue to vtoe as they have been doing. It is estimated that about 40,000, or one-third of those who can now vote, may continue to vote, and all of them when they qualify themselves as provided in the act. There is no discrimination because every provision of the amendment applies to white as well as to black men.

But it isn't the educational qualification that seems to give Mr. Pritchard so much trouble as the poll tax requirement, and he asks if it will not be rough on the poor white man who can't vote because he is not able to pay his poll tax? But while Mr. Pritchard was talking thus he was thinking of the colored brothers who have been in the habit of dodging the payment of poll tax, but will not be able to do that henceforth, and therefore will not be as easily coralled at the polls as they heretofore have been.

While he is making so much ado over the prospective disfranchisement of voters with educational or tax qualifications, he fails to see any impropriety in such legislation in Northern States, some of which have both. Tax paying requirements debar more men from voting in Massachusetts than the adoption of this amendment will in the State of North Carolina. But it isn't either the white or black disfranchised that Senator Pritchard is so much interested in as it is in the grip that Pritchard & Co. will lose on the voters they have been in the habit of rounding up on election days. He is talking for himself and his gang, not for the voters, about whom he doesn' care a continental after he has used as many of them as he can.

A LITTLE ONE-HORSE FARM.

Whether farming will pay or not depends very much, if not altogether, on the way the farming is done. Farming pays some years pretty well when an extraordinary demand runs prices up, as was the case year before last when wheat bounded up to a dollar a bushel and over, and as it has done with the cotton planters this year when they got seven cents or more a pound for their cotton, but these are the exceptions. In normal years, when the crops are full and there is no extraordinary demand, prices go down and farmers as a rule get but little for their labor.

But while this is so there are farmers who make money while other farmers lose it, and the end of every year finds them something better off than they were at the beginning. This is because they have method in their business, live within their income and pursue the course they mark out for themselves regardless of what others may do. We have mentioned instances in this State where farmers had not only made farming pay, but had become rich from their farms, while their neighbors were complaining of hard times and becoming poorer. Such men can be found in all States South and North.

As illustrating what we say and showing the possibilities of a "little farm well tilled," we quote from the Columbus, Ga., *Ledger* the following which we find in the Atlanta *Constitution*:

"A man in Brooks county has in the last twenty five or thirty years made $20,000 with a one-horse farm. For several years in succession he cleared $1,000 above his expenses each year. He never allows any trash burned on his farm, never allows his beggar weeds cut or pastured, plows everything under, and goes back to the soil. He carries his corn to the mill on the back of his horse, but leads the horse and never rides him, which saves the animal. He has plenty of substantial food, but does not live extravagantly, and can do without almost anthing the merchant sells, if he likes, and does do it if the price does not suit him. He is independent of every trust in the world so far as his part would go.

"He works about fifty acres with his mule, and himself and family do all their work, making 400 or 500 bushels of corn, twelve to fifteen bales of cotton and plenty of syrup, meat and potatoes. He lends money over the county to good people at 8 per cent. Never sends money off but keeps it at home among the neighbors. He is said to have some $8,000 or $10,000 cash, and all made from a little one-horse farm, which he still conducts."

This man is not only industrious, but he is thrifty, and the secret of his success is more in his thrift than in his industry. He is one of those happy, contented dispositions who is satisfied with making progress, is not pursuing the almighty dollar as if that were the chief end of man, and is not wearing himself out trying to get rich in a year or two. And yet he has lived better, doubtless, and has more profit to show from that little one-horse farm than hundreds of his neighbors have from big farms, and the reason is that he goes his way and they go their way. Such a man should be an object lesson in any community.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— The Democrats of Indiana seem to have a Democratic plan of organization, the committees being chosen by the people at primaries and conventions naming party candidates. This enables the party to choose its managers to serve the party, rather than some aspirant for office.—*Louisville Dispatch, Dem.*

—— The testimony in the Clark bribery case, so far as it has been adduced before the Federal Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections, shows that in the Montana Legislature the truth of the adage "every man has his price" was very nearly realized. The entire affair indicates how easily a Legislature may be corrupted by the use of money, and gives new impetus to the movement to elect Federal Senators by popular ballot.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— We strongly incline to the view presented by Senator Morgan that the (Nicaragua) canal should be free and neutral in war as well as in peace. If made neutral in war, while an enemy could enter it under the same limitations that it could enter a foreign port and have the full benefit of its navigation, that enemy would be compelled to respect the canal as the neutral property of the world, and any attempt to destroy it would be an act of war against the commercial interests of every other government.—*Philadelphia Times, Ind.*

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Yadkin *Ripple:* Shore, this county, has a colored woman weighing 270 pounds who can readily walk five miles an hour.

— Statesville *Mascot*: Mr. R. L. Watts, of Bethany township, killed a hog Saturday which weighed 582 pounds. The hog was less than two years old, and is the best Iredell hog killed this season.

— Newton *Enterprise*: We are informed that since the death of Dr. Ramsey there is not a Presbyterian church in any town between Salisbury and Asheville with a regular pastor. All have resigned on account of health or to accept calls to other places.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Deputy Marshal Morrisey and special deputy J. W. Maultsby went out to Eureka Springs Saturday night and captured John Harris, a noted moonshiner, who has been evading arrest for a long time. Harris is part Indian, and like that race displayed much cunning in keeping out of the law's reach. He was placed in jail to await trial before the Federal court.

— Henderson *Gold Leaf*: Initiatory steps have been taken towards the establishment of another cotton mill in Henderson. It is proposed to start with a capital stock of something like $125,000, and about half of this amount was subscribed as a beginning. The balance will be secured without difficulty, and ere long we may expect to see work begin on another cotton mill in Henderson.

— Concord *Times*: Adam Rush, a colored brakeman on the Aberdeen and Asheboro railroad, was run over at Troy Monday morning and instantly killed. —— Aleck Spencer, colored, died last night from injuries received Tuesday in a runaway. Mr. John Wadsworth's horse ran away with him and he was thrown out. The horse started at the Odell store and ran for eight miles, making a circuit back to Concord.

— Wilson *News*: Roanoke Rapids has a great future. It has cotton mills, and its new silk mill is about completed. It is said that there is power enough to run the machinery in factories built a hundred yards apart. The latest news, if true, will be hailed with delight by newspaper men. It is that the New York *World* and other large papers have definitely decided to erect at Roanoke Rapids the largest paper mill in the country. It will be an anti-trust concern and will fight the huge paper trust that is the nightmare of newspapers and job printers.

— Raleigh *News and Observer*: A convict who escaped from the penitentiary here in 1895 has been caught in Texas and an officer with a requisition from the Governor will be sent for him. His name is Henry C. Rogers. He was sent up in 1891 from Surry county for 20 years, having been convicted of burglary. He has lived in Texas since. Recently he got into trouble there and was arrested. He was sequitted, however, and would have been released had it not been discovered that he was wanted here. Rogers has served only four of his twenty years. He will be brought back to serve the balance of his term.

— Goldsboro *Argus*: Ex-Sheriff James H Grant informs the *Argus* of a singular and serious accident at his home Saturday morning. His 3 year old baby armed with only a broom straw inflicted an injury to its mother that came near being fatal. The mother was lying on the bed resting while the child kept after her to get up, to which pleading she paid no attention. Finally the little one became enraged and got a short broom straw and stabbed his mother in the ear. The pain was so severe from the wound, from which the blood flowed freely, that medical attention was summoned at once. Although the danger is thought to be over to-day, yet Mrs. Grant is still in the bed from the loss of blood.

TWINKLINGS.

— She—"At what age does a man usually get bald?" He—"Do you refer to a single or a married man?"

— A schoolboy was asked how many wars Spain had in the fifteenth century. "Six," the boy promptly replied. "Enumerate them," said the teacher. "One, two, three, four, five, six," said the boy.—*Tit Bits.*

— An Aggravated Impression: "Kentucky is one of the liveliest States in the Union," remarked the young man. "It is," answered Col. Stilwell, "beyond a doubt. When I was last there every man I met was running for office or running for his life."—*Washington Star.*

— "I think it's so nice to have ever and ever so many friends," said the enthusiastic young woman. "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "It's quite desirable. If you have ever so many friends you are quite sure that no one will say anything disagreeable about you without its being repeated to you."—*Washington Star.*

— "What is the price of this lovely antique chair?" asked the shopper. "Thirty seven dollars, madam" answered the dealer. "Thirty-seven dollars!" exlaimed the lady in astonishment. "Why, I didn't suppose it worth half that much." "You didn't ask what it was worth, madam," replied the conscientious dealer. "You asked the price."—*Chicago News.*

— "I suppose," she said to the distinguished Senator, "that the man who is most successful in politics never votes on a question until he has found where the majority of his constituents stand on it." "No," he replied; "the most succesful man in politics votes for the thing that will bring him the largest returns, and then convinces the majority of his constituents that it was the right thing to do."

— She had presented him with the marble heart, and as he was about to remove his hat from the hall rack for the last time he said: "Perhaps it is better so, and but for one thing I should not regret your decision." "Indeed!" she exclaimed in surprise, "and what is that one thing, pray?" "Listen, cruel one, and I will tell you," he answered. "Had we married and gone to housekeeping I should have been spared the expense of buying a refrigerator."—*Chicago News.*

—— The Republicans are going to pretend to oppose trusts. But the true way to oppose them is for the Republican congress to cut down the tariff schedules on articles the price of which has been raised by the trusts.—*Atlanta Constitution, Dem.*

Prevented A Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, Ohio, prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c and $1.00 Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles 10c at R. R. BELLAMY'S drug store. †

WASHINGTON LETTER.

Needed Change In Naval Classifications—The Famous Blue Room. No White House Postmark.

[Special Correspondence.]

In all probability there will be an amendment of the laws under which the ships of the navy are classified, for this classification has not kept pace with the development and the radical change in the designs, armament and operation of the vessels. The new navy of the United States is governed by the same classification laws which existed in the days of frigates and line of battle ships with wooden hulls and muzzle loading guns. In rating ships the law still states that steamships of 40 guns or more are first rate, those of 20 or more second rate and all of less than 20 guns third rate. Under such a strict interpretation of the law none of the battleships would be classed as first rate, and few of the cruisers would be entitled to higher rank than second or third rate, although any of these ships would clearly outrank the best vessels of the old service. The changes which have taken place in naval construction during the latter half of the present century have been so radical that the foregoing classification of ships of war has become obsolete.

The line of battle ship which under the classification would have ranked as a "first rate," with its wooden hull, tier on tier of muzzle loading guns and lofty spars, bears little resemblance to a battleship of the first class at the present time, with its comparatively low, heavily armored hull, revolving turrets, small number of powerful breechloading guns and military masts. Under the classification no proper place can be found for such a battleship or for modern cruisers, torpedo boats or monitors.

Congress has been asked repeatedly to correct this anomalous state of affairs. With this year recommendations are to be renewed, and naval officers are hopeful that remedial legislation will be enacted.

The Famous Blue Room.

During the absence of the president the decorators have been at work upon the White House. The blue room in particular has been the field for their special effort. This room has been entirely redecorated. It is the most famous room in the entire building. Architecturally of the English colonial type and always furnished in delicate blue, it retains its historic character through each administration. The blue room from the days of Mistress Adams, the first mistress of the White House, has been the scene of most interesting ceremonies. It was in this room that Grover Cleveland was married to Frances Folsom.

The room is paneled, and the color scheme is worked out in harmonious shades of blue, relieved by ivory white, with the slightest possible illumination of gold.

The decorations of the ceiling, which are in relief, follow the oval shape of the room and are composed of conventional scrolls, wreaths and stars, supported at both ends by the decorative escutcheon of the United States. The ceiling itself is an interblend of blue and grayish white, graduating and diminishing toward the center, from which depends a magnificent chandelier for electricity and gas, with countless scintillating prisms.

No White House Postmark.

"An amusing thing that we frequently see at the White House," said one of the attaches there, "is the mailing of letters in the White House letter box by visitors to the city. All visitors to Washington go to the executive mansion, and many of them notice the letter box in the vestibule just before entering the east room. Some of them decide to mail letters there, believing that these letters will contain the stamp at the White House. Of course it would be a great thing for a distant relative to receive a letter postmarked at the White House. The other day an intelligent looking woman, accompanied by several grown daughters, asked me to lend her a pencil. I heard her say, 'Won't it be lovely to mail them a letter from here and let them see that we've been to the president's home?' She proceeded to write for some time, secured an envelope, addressed it and then proudly dropped the epistle in our letter box. She went off with a radiant face. She was sure that all of her neighbors and friends for miles around would hear of that letter mailed from the White House, and she would be besieged with inquiries on her return. She'll learn her mistake. The letter box here does not differ in any way from those on the streets."

The Lafayette Dollars.

It has been decided by the director of the mint to postpone coining the Lafayette souvenir dollars until the beginning of the new year, when the work will be done with all haste possible. The question of design has been settled. On the reverse of the coin are the faces of Lafayette and Washington in double profile. Encircling the profiles are the words: "United States of America. One Dollar." On the obverse is a reproduction of the monument, with the inscription: "In Honor of General Lafayette. Erected by the Youth of the United States; Paris, France, 1900."

The director of the mint says he has no authority to coin the dollars at this time and place the date of 1900 upon them, and, aside from this, it will be impossible to do the work this year on account of the amount of work on hand at the mints. Early in January these coins will be ready to be placed on the market, when they will be distributed among those who have subscribed for them. Many of the coins have already been spoken for, and if the present demand continues the number authorized will be subscribed for before they are struck at the mint.

CARL SCHOFIELD.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—206 bales cotton, 10 barrels tar.

W. C. & A. Railroad—761 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 5 barrels rosin, 68 barrels tar, 21 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—31 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 42 barrels rosin, 11 barrels tar, 18 barrels crude turpentine.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—7 casks spirits turpentine, 250 barrels rosin, 44 barrels tar.

Steamer A. J. Johnson—6 casks spirits turpentine, 150 barrels rosin, 56 barrels tar.

Steamer Crœsus—56 barrels rosin, 51 barrels tar.

Schooner Minnie Ward—3 casks spirits turpentine, 68 barrels rosin, 63 barrels tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt— 4 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 232 barrels rosin, 59 barrels tar, 22 barrels crude turpentine.

Total.— Cotton, 1,002 bales; spirits turpentine, 28 casks; rosin, 803 barrels; tar, 362 barrels; crude turpentine 61 barrels.

— Lady—"Why don't you go to work for a living?" Tramp—"Well, lady, I want to give evert'ing else a fair trial first!"—*Puck.*

There's a greater demand made on the strength of the mother when nursing than at any other time. She has just gone through the shock and strain of maternity, her vitality is at its lowest and the food she eats must nourish two lives.

The natural result is that the mother looks around for a "tonic," and generally finds her tonic in the form of a stimulant, which not only gives the mother no real strength but is an injury to the child.

It is the concurrent testimony of women who have used Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, that it is the most perfect preparation for motherhood and all its functions which has ever been discovered. It prepares the way for baby's advent, giving the organs of birth vigor and elasticity. It establishes such a condition of health that nervousness, anxiety and morning sickness are unknown. With this condition comes a healthy flow of nourishment for the child, which enables the mother to gratify the fondest instinct of maternity.

"Two years ago I used two bottles of Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription, and in April a nice baby was born, before the doctor came." writes Mrs. Katie Aulker, of 754 Pat Street, Alliance, Ohio. "I was not very sick. Baby is now 14 months old and weighs 30 pounds. Now I expect another about August, and I am again taking the 'Favorite Prescription' and feel very well. Several neighbors are using Dr. Pierce's medicine through my telling them about it. One lady says, 'before commencing Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription I had to vomit every day, but after I got the medicine, from the first spoonful that I took, I stopped vomiting.' It has done the same thing for me. It is a God-send for women."

No alcohol in any form, is contained in "Favorite Prescription," neither opium nor other narcotics. This cannot truthfully be said of any other medicine especially designed for women and sold through druggists.

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WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

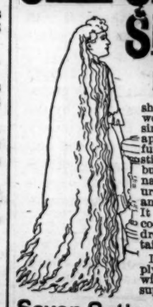
☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		6½@	6¾
Standard		16½@	6¾
Burlaps		5 @	16¼
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔		12½ @	15
Sides ℔ ℔		5½@	6
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	6
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔		6 @	6¼
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	6
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 15	@	1 20
New New York, each		@	1 35
New City, each		@	1 35
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	25
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern ℔ M	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	18	@	20
Northern	27	@	30
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	46	@	47½
Virginia Meal		@	47½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	1 10
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
CHEESE—			
Northern Factory	16	@	18
Dairy Cream		@	18
State	14	@	15
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	13	@	16
Rio	8	@	11
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¼
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 ℔s		@	70
EGGS—℔ dozen	14	@	15
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	23 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	3 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	4 35	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	3 00
Choice		@	3 50
Straight	3 75	@	3 90
First Patent	4 25	@	4 50
GLUE—℔ ℔	13½@		15
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	52	@	53½
Car-load, in bgs—White		@	50
Oats, from store	38	@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas	60	@	65
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green salted		@	6½
Dry flint	10	@	12½
Dry salt		@	10
HAY ℔ 100 ℔s			
Clover Hay	85	@	90
Rice Straw	40	@	50
Eastern	80	@	85
Western	80	@	85
North River	80	@	85
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	3½@		4
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	6	@	6½
North Carolina	8	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	30 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
Common mill	5 00	@	6 50
Fair mill	6 50	@	8 00
Prime mill	8 50	@	10 00
Extra mill	10 00	@	10 50
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	28	@	30
Porto Rico, in barrels	25	@	30
Sugar House, in hogsheads	13	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	15	@	25
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	2 80	@	3 00
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	10 00	@	10 50
Rump		@	9 50
Prime		@	9 00
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 25
Liverpool	90	@	95
American	85	@	90
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	60
SHINGLES, 7-inch, per M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 60	@	2 25
Cypress Saps	2 50	@	2 75
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5¼@		5¾
Standard A	4¾@		5
White Extra C		@	4¾
Extra C, Golden		@	4¼
C, Yellow	@		4¼
SOAP, ℔ ℔—Northern	3½@		4
STAVES, ℔ M W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	9 00	@	10 00
Mill, Prime	7 50	@	8 75
Mill, Fair	6 00	@	7 00
Common Mill	5 00	@	6 00
Inferior to ordinary	3 50	@	5 00
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed ℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x20 Heart	3 00	@	3 50
" Sap	2 00	@	2 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	6
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon, Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	00
WOOL, per ℔—Unwashed	14	@	15

The "Help."

The young person who fills so important a place in our domestic arrangements as housemaid, parlormaid or "general" often enough takes a pride in her appearance, which, though entirely natural, is sometimes irritating to the less reasonable type of mistress, says a London paper. What would she think if it were necessary for her, as it apparently is in Germany, before taking a place as domestic servant, to provide herself with a special passbook, in which a full description of her appearance must be entered? This description of the German domestic is entered by the police of her native district, and is sometimes dictated more by candor than chivalry. The color of the eyes and hair, and the shape of the nose, are all duly chronicled, and if the constable is of opinion that any of these features are "ugly" he has no hesitation in saying so. What possibilities such a system suggests? Imagine the young person about to start a career as cook presenting herself before the local constable to await his verdict on her nose and lips.—Exchange.

Seven Sutherland Sisters



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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, Jan. 23.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market firm at 50½ cents per gallon for machine made casks and 50 cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.20 per bbl for strained and $1.25 for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.25 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market firm at $1.60 per barrel for hard, $2.90 for dip and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at 90@95c bid; tar steady at $1.10; crude turpentine quiet at $1.35@2.40.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	28
Rosin	803
Tar	362
Crude turpentine	61

Receipts same day last year.—48 casks spirits turpentine, 703 bbls rosin, 382 bbls tar, 00 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market steady on a basis of 7¼c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	4 13-16 cts ℔
Good ordinary	6 3-16 " "
Low middling	6 13-16 " "
Middling	7¼ " "
Good middling	7⅝ " "

Same day last year middling 5¼c.

Receipts—1,002 bales; same day last year, 269.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime 62½c. Extra prime, 67½c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 75c. Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c.

CORN—Firm: 52 to 52¼ cents per bushel for white,

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tide-water) 90c@$1.10; upland, 65@80c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 10 to 11c per pound; shoulders, 7 to 8c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $2.25 to 3.25; six-inch. $4.00 to 5.00; seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.50 to 9.00 per M

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 23.—Money on call steady at 3@3½ per cent., last loan at 3 per cent., ruling rate — per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4½@6½ per cent. Sterling exchange firm; actual business in bankers' bills at 486¾@486¾ for demand and at 483¾@483¾ for sixty days. Posted rates 484½@485 and 487½@488. Commercial bills 483½. Silver certificates 59¾@60½. Bar silver 60. Mexican dollars 47½. Government bonds weak. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds firm. U. S. 3's, reg'd, 102½; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 109½; do. coupon, 110¾; U.S. new 4's, reg'd, 133½; do. coupon, 134½; U. S. old 4's, reg'd, 114½; do coupon, 114¼; U. S. 5's, registered, 112; do. coupon, 113¼; N. C. 6's 127; do. 4's, 106; Southern Railway 5's 107½. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 56½; Chesapeake & Ohio 29¾; Manhattan L 95¼; New York Central 132⅞; Reading 17; do. 1st preferred 50; St. Paul 117½; do. preferred 170; Southern Railway 11¾; do. preferred 53¾; American Tobacco, 98½; do. preferred 135; People's Gas 103⅝; Sugar 115⅞; do. preferred 113; T. C. & Iron 83¾; U. S. Leather 15⅝; do. preferred 75¼; Western Union 86¼.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 23.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, January 23.—Spirits turpentine firm at 50c; no sales. Rosin firm; sales — barrels.

THE MORGAN PATENT SPADING HARROW.

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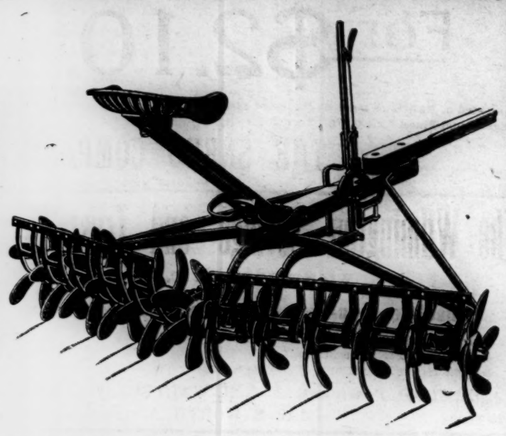

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The National Bank of Wilmington,

Wilmington, N. C.

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Capital and Surplus, $119,000.00.
Total Assets, - - - - 525,000.00.

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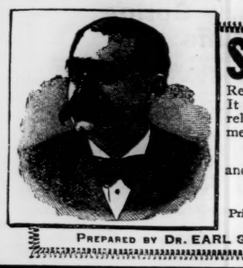

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SEABOARD AIR LINE — S.A.L. — VESTIBULED LIMITED TRAINS. DOUBLE DAILY SERVICE

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Schedule in Effect Nov. 5, 1899.

Train 41—Leaves Wilmington daily at 3:05 P. M., Lumberton 5:14 P. M., Pembroke 5:40 P. M., Maxton 6:12 P. M., Laurinburg 6:34 P. M., arriving at Hamlet 6:58 P. M., where connection is made with trains for Charlotte, Athens, Atlanta and all points South, Southeast and Southwest. Also with trains for Raleigh, Portsmouth, Norfolk, Old Point Comfort, Richmond, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

Through sleeping cars from Hamlet to Washington and Atlanta; also through sleeping car to Portsmouth.

Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:20 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:45 A. M., Raleigh 3:36 P. M., Sanford 5:05 P. M., Hamlet 6:55 P. M., Wadesboro 8:10 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:25 P. M., and Atlanta 7:20 A. M.

Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 9:50 P. M. Leaves Charlotte 5:00 A. M. Arrives Monroe 5:45A. M., Wadesboro 6:51 A.M., Hamlet 7:43 A. M., Sanford 9:52 A. M., Raleigh 11:13 A. M., Weldon 2:50 P. M., Portsmouth 5:30 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9.05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12:05 noon.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 5:00 M., Richmond 9:00 P M., Portsmouth 8:45 M., Weldon 11:10 P. M. Arrives Raleigh 2:14 A. M., Sanford 3:33 A. M., Hamlet 5:07 A. M., Wadesboro 6:01 A. M., Monroe 6:53 A. M., Charlotte 8:00 A. M., Atlanta 2:50 P. M.

Train 403—Leaves Charlotte 8:10 A. M. Arrives Lincolton 9:22 A. M., Shelby 10:10 A. M., Rutherfordton 11:25 A. M.

Train 402—Leaves Rutherfordton 4:40 P. M. Arrives Shelby 5:53 P. M. Lincolnton 6:36 P. M., Charlotte 8:20 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 noon. Arrives Monroe 9:30 P. M., Wadesboro 10:30 P. M., Hamlet 11:10 P. M., Sanford 12:55 P. M., Raleigh 2:00 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 8:15 A. M., Washington 12:41 noon.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M. Arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 5:50 A. M. Arrives Hamlet 7.40 A. M.

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H. W. B. GLOVER, Traffic Mang'r.
L. S. ALLEN, Gen'l Pass. Agent.
General Offices Portsmouth Va. nov 7 tf

The Murchison National Bank,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

Capital, - - -	$ 200,000
Net Profits, - -	17,000
Deposits, - -	377,182

Organized March 1st, 1899.

People say this is a good showing, but we are not satisfied, and if we said we were nobody would believe it.

We want more business and must have it.

Careful attention to the wants of customers, large or small.

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200 Boxes Tobacco.

400 **Boxes Lye.**
240 **Boxes Laundry Soap.**
50 **Barrels Rice.**
25 **Barrels Vinegar.**
25 **Half Barrels Cider.**
50 **Barrels Molasses.**
100 **Boxes Potted Ham.**
50 **Boxes Corned Beef.**
100 **Boxes Starch.**
50 **Boxes Mixed Nuts.**
50 **Bags Cocoanuts.**
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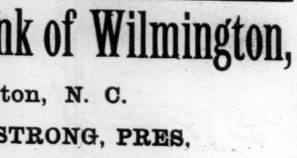

From New York for Wilmington.

SAGINAW .....Saturday, Jan. 27
RICHMOND.....Saturday, Feb. 3

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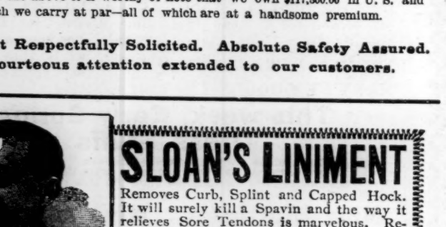

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STATEMENT OF

Atlantic National Bank,

WILMINGTON N. C.

At the Close of Business Dec. 2nd, 1899, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.

Loans		$ 838,971.54
Overdrafts		8 79
U. S. Bonds (at par)		95,600.00
Banking House and Fixtures		10,000.00
Due from app'd res've agt's	$ 79,160.98	
Due from other banks	169,160.99	
Cash on hand	79,331.51	327,652 78
Total		$1,292,233.11

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 125,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits	101,784.40
Circulation	41,040.00
Deposits U. S. Treas. $ 50,000.00	
Deposits from Banks 207,698.55	
Deposits from Individuals 731,715.16	
Certificates of Deposit 35,000.00	1,024,408.71
Total	$1,292,233.11

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Dec. 2, '97.	Dec. 2, '98.	Dec. 2, '99.
Total deposits	$672,000	$874,500	$1,024,000
Surplus and net profit	76,200	87,500	101,784

Dividends Paid—6 Per Cent. Per Annum.

☞ Last Instalment of Capital Paid in October 1892. dec 8 tf

Executor's Notice.

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of N. J. Burch, deceased, late of New Hanover county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased, to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of December, A. D., 1900, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment

T. E. WALLACE,
Executor.

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CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

THE SOMERSAULT DOGS.

How They Are Trained to Do This Amusing and Difficult Trick.

Although it is by no means an uncommon thing to see dogs throw somersault after somersault in stage performances, it is a somewhat remarkable fact that few people know how such animals can be taught such a difficult feat.

As there is more than one way of cooking a goose, so there is more than one way of teaching a dog to throw somersaults. But the most practical and thorough manner is to fasten a cord around the body of the animal—close to the fore legs—and two people should hold the ends of the cord on either side of the unfortunate dog. A third, party, armed with a stout rope, takes a position immediately in front of the canine acrobat and with a measured and masterly stroke flogs the floor at close quarters to the dog's nose.

At each stroke of the rope the dog springs backward, and that movement is the trainer's golden opportunity. As the dog springs backward the rope passing under the dog's body is pulled quickly upward, and, although the first few attempts may prove futile, the somersault is acquired in course of time. The intelligent dog soon tires of the order of things and throws somersaults without the assistance of ropes.

When Auntie Cut His Hair.

This bold boy has done no wrong;
His hair has simply grown too long.
So auntie placed the bowl just so
To show how far the shears could go.

And now the boy is full of glee;
His hair is nicely cut, you see.
—Father Goose—His Book.

Dewey and His Sister.

Admiral Dewey spent his younger days at Norwich, Vt. All the old residents of that placid New England village remember him. As a lad Dewey had a most congenial companion in his sister, now Mrs. Greeley. They were fine, vigorous children, with a large amount of courage and imagination. They delighted in dangerous adventures. They were fond of making believe that the boy was some mythical warrior and the girl a forlorn princess about to be devoured by a sea monster. They put into their play some very realistic action. A neighbor who watched the scene said: "I saw Mary wade out into the river where the water was up to her knees, and then George, with a wild yell, dashed out after her, brandishing a big stick, with which he beat the water in every direction. He threw his left arm around her and escorted her to the shore. When they came up the bank, I asked what the matter was, and the little girl, with a charming lisp, said, 'I was being rescued from a ferocious alligator by my brother George, who came just in time to save me.'"

The Dancing Figures.

Years ago I read a description of a game which was always a source of fun on rainy days. Take a pane of glass—a broken one will do—and secure it by placing the ends between the leaves of two large books, letting the glass be two or three inches from the table. Cut from lightweight writing paper or, better still, from tissue paper dolls, dogs and other figures. Place them on the table beneath the glass. Rub the glass vigorously with a silk handkerchief, and the figures will cut all kinds of antics.

Hints on Conduct.

As you enter upon life choose your friends as you would choose guides on the borders of a wilderness. Friends more than anything else determine the paths which most of us follow.

There is a distinct difference—all the difference, in fact, between sense and nonsense — between ability to converse well and ability to chatter incessantly.

If you light your lamp by another's torch, do not forget that the light you borrowed is the light you owe.—Forward.

Her Best Behavior.

"Now, dear," said mamma to little Flo, "Mrs. Andrews is coming to see me this afternoon, so you must be on your best behavior and come into the drawing room."

"Mummy," said Flo to her mother half an hour later, "I touldn't find my best behavior, but I've put on my best pinafore and sash. I weally fink dat it does as pitty as anyfink."

Frosen Butterflies.

It is a common experience among mountain climbers to find butterflies lying frozen on the snow and so brittle that they break unless they are very carefully handled. Such frozen butterflies, on being taken to a warmer climate, recover themselves and fly away. Six species of butterflies have been found within a few hundred miles of the north pole.

The Dressers of the Navy.

With Captain Willard H. Brownson and Commander William H. Emory, Admiral Dewey shares the reputation of being one of the best dressed men in the navy. When Dewey was president of the naval inspection board, Brownson and Emory were members. The board was obliged to attend the final trial trips of all new vessels. Dewey usually carried only a small satchel on these occasions, but Brownson and Emory were always provided with several suits of clothes. Dewey went to New London to witness the final trial of the Annapolis, reaching there in advance of some of the other members. He was sitting on the piazza of his hotel on the evening of his arrival when an express wagon loaded high with big trunks was driven up.

"Ah!" said Dewey, with a smile. "I see that Brownson and Bill Emory have come."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Kitchen Hints.

To clean a spice mill grind a handful of raw rice.

Stone jars are better than tin boxes for keeping bread during hot weather.

A whisk broom is just the thing to clean a horse radish grater.

Wood ashes put in a woolen bag and placed in the water will make hard water soft.

Pickles or vinegar will not keep in a jar that has ever had any kind of grease kept in it.

Clam shells are more convenient for scraping pots and kettles than a knife, requiring less time to remove the burned surfaces.

SHAPES FOREVER FAIR.

Wouldst look upon what ruthless years have done,
With loveliest things that ever knew the sun,
Delve not where
The mold is on old marbles rare;
Look not there.

For purest beauty that has passed away,
Look not in ruined fanes of old decay;
Seek not there
The sovereign shapes forever fair;
Look not there.

Look in the pale sad face no longer young,
Look through the suffering that has found no tongue;
That despair,
Mute, gentle, let it be thy care;
There, seek there.

Look in and in, with tender, tireless art,
Among the beauties of a ruined heart;
Shapes made fair
With glory only love can wear,
Seek them there!

—Harper's Weekly.

THE LORDLY ALBATROSS.

Great In Speed, Appetite and Power of Abstinence.

Easily first to oceanic birds in point of interest as well as size comes the lordly albatross, whose home is far south of the line and whose empire is that illimitable area of turbulent waves which sweep resistless around the world. Compared with his power of vision (sailors give all things except a ship the epicene gender "he") the piercing gaze of the eagle or condor becomes myopic unless, as indeed may be the case, he possesses other senses unknown to us by means of which he is made aware of passing events interesting to him at incredible distances from them. Out of the blue void he comes unhasting on motionless pinions, yet at such speed that, one moment a speck hardly discernible, turn but your eyes away, and ere you can again look around he is gliding majestically overhead. Nothing in nature conveys to the mind so wonderful an idea of effortless velocity as does his calm appearance from vacancy. Like most of the true pelagic birds, he is a devourer of offal, the successful pursuit of fish being impossible to his majestic evolutions.

His appetite is enormous, but his powers of abstinence are equally great, and often for days he goes without other nourishment than a drink of the bitter sea. At the Gargantuan banquets, provided by the carcass of a dead whale, he will gorge himself until incapable of rising from the sea, yet still his angry scream may be heard, as if protesting against his ability to find room for more provision against hungry days soon to follow. Despite his incomparable grace of flight when gliding through midair with his mighty wings outspread, when ashore or on deck he is clumsy and ill at case. Even seated upon the sea, his proportions appear somewhat ungainly, while his huge hooked beak seems too heavy to be upheld. On land he can hardly balance himself, and the broad, silky webs of his feet soon become lacerated. Thus his visits to the lone and generally inaccessible rocks, which are his breeding places, are as brief as may be, since even conjugal delights are dearly purchased with hunger and painful restraint. A true child of the air, land is hateful to him, and only on the wing does he appear to be really at home and easeful.

The most notable piece of literature in which the albatross figures prominently is Coleridge's "Rime of the Ancient Mariner."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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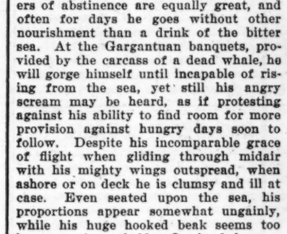

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Truly, JESSE H. PAGE.

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A Farm of 250 acres four miles from Greenville, one mile from House station on the Atlantic Coast Line. One hundred and eighty-five acres cleared and in fine state of cultivation. One nice two-story dwelling with six rooms. One cook room and kitchen. One office. One set two-story stables with eight stalls. Two barns. Two tobacco barns. One 16-horse power engine, gin house, gin, press, etc. All necessary machinery attached. All kinds of farming implements, including wagons, carts, tools, etc. Also, four mules and one horse. Will sell all together or the land separate.

Farm of 143 Acres

in Long Creek village, Pender county—95 acres cleared, balance well timbered. Four acres in strawberries, 2 acres in apple trees. Fine grape vine. Large two-story house. One good New Store House. All necessary out houses. Two tenant houses. Two miles from Montague, a station on Atlantic and Yadkin Railroad; sixteen miles from Wilmington. Fertile land, in a high state of cultivation. A bargain for somebody.

2,000 Acres of Land

in New Hanover county on navigable stream; borders tide water. Three clearings on place—one of 25 acres with house and outbuildings on same; two of 20 acres each; balance well timbered. Twelve miles from Wilmington. Four miles from Castle Hayne, a station on the W. & W. R. R. The nearest point of the land to the Newbern railroad is two miles.

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One valuable six-room house in Kenansville, Duplin county, N. C., just completed. Known as "Birchwood Cottage," with nice office on lot; also, garden and outbuildings. Located in a desirable part of the town. Kenansville is a pleasant town to live in—famed for its pure spring water and healthy locality. James Sprunt Institute, one of the best schools in the State, is located there.

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Four good Building Lots in the town of Burgaw, consisting of one-half acre each.

One neat three-room House in town of Burgaw, on lot consisting of one and one-half acres. All set out in strawberries except garden and yard.

A desirable building lot in the town of Burgaw, consisting of one-fourth of an acre, fronting railroad, and it is a corner lot.

Farm at Burgaw.

A desirable farm at Burgaw. The residence and about one-third of the farm within the corporate limits of the town. About twenty acres cleared; six acres in strawberries; one acre in fruit trees and grape vines. All necessary outbuildings. A nice desirable six-room residence. Farm contains 100 acres.

Tobacco and Truck Farm

Containing 265 acres, four miles from Magnolia, N. C., in the great truck belt. About seventy acres cleared; thirty acres of black branch land well timbered with curly yellow pine. Fine meadow land and best range for hogs, sheep and cattle. Five-room dwelling, with barn, stables and other out-houses. Nearly a half-acre in prolific grape vines. Lot of apple and plum trees. Beautiful oak and hickory grove surrounds dwelling. Good water. Admirably adapted to tobacco culture, and now has eight acres in cultivation. Also, two tobacco barns. Fences and ditches in good condition.

A Nice Farm.

A desirable farm of one hundred and fifty acres. Fifty acres is within the corporate limits of the town of Burgaw, N. C. Twenty two acres cleared. There is one nice, new three-room cottage, painted and plastered. Large stables and barns. A tenant's house, and strawberry packing house. A well of very fine drinking water. A nice orchard of 500 young fruit trees, consisting of Japan plums, peaches, pears, apples and figs.

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Schedule in Effect March 26th, 1899.

South Bound Daily No. 52.	MAIN LINE.	North Bound Daily No. 53.
6 50 p m	Ar.....Wilmington.....Lv	9 00 a m
3 50 p m	Lv.....Fayetteville.....Ar	12 10 a m
3 45 p m	Ar.....Fayetteville.....Lv	12 28 p m
2 30 p m	Lv.....Sanford.....Lv	1 43 p m
12 48 p m	Lv.....Climax.....Lv	3 44 p m
12 13 p m	Lv.....Greensboro.....Ar	4 15 p m
11 55 a m	Ar.....Greensboro.....Lv	4 35 p m
11 07 a m	Lv.....Stokesdale.....Lv	5 19 p m
10 35 a m	Lv.....Walnut Cove.....Lv	5 44 p m
10 09 a m	Lv.....Rural Hall.....Lv	6 13 p m
8 45 a m	Lv.....Mt. Airy.....Ar	7 35 p m

South Bound Daily No. 54.	BENNETTSVILLE.	North Bound Daily No. 55.
8 00 a m	Lv.....Bennettsville.....Ar	7 15 p m
9 07 a m	Lv.....Maxton.....Lv	6 15 p m
9 35 a m	Lv.....Red Springs.....Lv	5 35 p m
10 30 a m	Lv.....Hope Mills.....Lv	4 39 p m
10 40 a m	Ar.....Fayetteville.....Lv	4 33 p m
No. 46		No. 47.

South Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.	MADISON BRANCH.	North Bound Mixed Daily ex. Sunday.
8 30 p m	Ar.....Ramseur.....Lv	6 40 a m
3 50 p m	Lv.....Climax.....Ar	8 25 a m
2 40 p m	Lv.....Greensboro.....Ar	9 17 a m
2 30 p m	Ar.....Greensboro.....Lv	9 35 a m
1 15 p m	Lv.....Stokesdale.....Lv	11 07 a m
12 30 p m	Lv.....Madison.....Ar	11 55 a m

Connections at Fayetteville with Atlantic Coast Line, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad, at Greensboro with the Southern Railway Company, at Walnut Cove with the Norfolk and Western Railway.

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DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.45 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.16 A. M., Warsaw 11.40 A. M., Goldsboro 12.21 P. M., Wilson 1.16 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.53 P. M., Tarboro 2.31 P. M., Weldon 4.35 P. M., Petersburg 6.28 P. M., Richmond 7.25 P. M., Norfolk 5.55 P. M., Washington 11.20 P. M., Baltimore 1.08 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 8.00 P. M.

DAILY 6.50 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.30 P. M., Warsaw 8.53 P. M., Goldsboro 9.37 P. M., Wilson 10.30 P. M., †Tarboro 7.04 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.11 P. M. Weldon 1.01 A. M., †Norfolk 10.35 A. M., Petersburg 2.37 A. M., Richmond 3.23 A. M., Washington 7.01 A. M., Baltimore 8.20 A. M., Philadelphia 10.35 A. M. New York 1.08 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.13 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. — No. 53—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.56 P. M., Chadbourn 5.28 P. M. Marion 6.34 P. M., Florence 7.15 P. M. Sumter 8.57 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M. Denmark 6.13 A. M., Augusta 7.55 A. M Macon 11.35 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M Charleston 10.50 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.20 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 6.05 P. M.†

WEST BOUND.†

DAILY 9.00 A. M. — No. 33—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.05 P.M., leaves Fayetteville 12 25 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.43 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.00 P. M., New York *9.30 P. M., Philadelphia 12.01 A. M., Baltimore 2.55 A. M. Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 9 49 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.21 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.52 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.39 P. M., Warsaw 4.21 P. M., Magnolia 4.43 P. M.

DAILY 9.40 A. M — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.00 A. M., Philadelphia 11.33 A. M., Baltimore 1.46 P. M., *Washington 3.07 P M., Richmond 6.48 P. M., Petersburg 7.21 P. M., †Norfolk 2.30 P. M., Weldon 8.58 P. M., †Tarboro 6.00 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.40 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.20 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.56 A. M., Magnolia 8.09 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.05 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.15 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.07 P. M., Jacksonville 8.00 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.17 P. M. Columbia 6.40 A. M., Sumter 8.10 P. M., Florence 9.53 A. M., Marion 10.30 A M., Chadbourn 11.25 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.06 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 6.40 A. M. — No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 2.30 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 3.41 P. M., leave Fayetteville 3.46 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Wilmington and Weldon Railroad, Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.15 A. M. Maxton 9.30 A. M., Red Springs 9 58 A. M. Hope Mills 10.42 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 10.55 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.40 P. M., Hope Mills 4.55 P. M., Red Springs 5.35 P. M., Maxton 6.15 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 78, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leave Rocky Mount 7.00 A. M., arrive Weldon 8.05 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 A. M., arrive Richmond 11.05 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.15 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.05 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. m., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.10 A. M. and 3.00 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 5.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.10 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.05 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.35 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 10.00 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 11.10 A. M. 4.50 P. M. Spring Hope 10.40 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.30 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 12.15 A. M.; 5.35 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 11.45 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.02 A. M., arrive Latta 10.34 A. M., Dillon 10.56 A. M., Rowland 10.54 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.00 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.30 P. M., Latta 6.55 P. M., Pee Dee 7.00 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Boardman at 8.00 P. M., Chadbourn 5.35 P. M.; arrive Conway 7.40 P. M.; leave Conway 8.30 A M. Chadbourn 11.50 A. M.; arrive Boardman 12.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 7.15 P. M., Manning 5.41 P. M.; arrive Lane's 6.17 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.34 A. M., Manning 9.09 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.40 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.50 A. M., 7.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3.30 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.35 A. M.; 5.55 P. M Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.50 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 9.15 P. M., Cheraw 11.30 A. M., Wadesboro 12.35 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.55 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.30 P. M., Bennettsville 9.17 P. M., Gibson 10.30 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 9.30 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.05 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 5.00 A. M. Bennettsville 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.00 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Hartsville 7.00 A. M. Darlington 6.50 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington Sunday only at 8.50 A. M., arrive Florence 9.15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.58 P. M., 10.45 P. M.; arrive Selma 3.48 P. M. 11.10 P. M., Smithfield 3.02 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M., Fayetteville 4.35 P. M., 12.17 A. M., Rowland 6.00 P. M. returning leave Rowland 10.58 A. M., Fayetteville 12.20 P. M., 9.55 P. M., Dunn 1.04 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M. Selma 1.50 P. M., 10.54 P. M., arrive Wilson 3.35 P. M., 11.31 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.35 A. M., Creston 5.19 A. M., arrive Denmark 6.19 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.17 P. M., Creston 5.15 P. M., Sumter 6.03 P. M. Daily.

Trains leave Creston 5.45 A. M., arrives Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, lea

The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JAN. 24.

BRYAN IN NEW YORK.

Entertained at Dinner at the Democratic Club—Thronged With People.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 23.—William J. Bryan took breakfast at the Hoffman House this morning, with a number of free silver and single tax leaders. Subsequently he received the newspaper reporters. When asked if he made a harmony speech at the Belmont dinner last night, Mr. Bryan answered: "I don't know if I used the word harmony or not, but I always speak in such a harmonious strain that no one can object, unless he disagrees on the issue. As a matter of fact I talked very little on politics.

Mr. Bryan declined to discuss the letter of Robert B. Roosevelt and others protesting against his entertainment as the guest of the Democratic Club.

About noon Dr. Leveson of Brooklyn, an anti-Imperialists, called with two Filipinos, but Mr. Bryan refused to see them.

Mr. Bryan's callers to-day were nearly all silverites. The gold democrats held aloof.

To night Mr. Bryan dined at the Democratic Club as the guest of President John W. Keller, with twelve others. The club house was crowded from 5 o'clock. Seats were at a premium in the dining room. The crowd pushed and thronged and jostled and smoked and discussed everything, waiting for the guest of the evening. At 7.30 o'clock he drove up with James S. Oliver, sergeant at-arms of the National Democratic Committee, and ex-Governor Hogg, of Texas.

The great crowd in the corridor through which the party had to push gave three cheers for Bryan. Mr. Bryan met with much applause in the brilliantly illuminated room.

SUSPECTED FILIBUSTER.

Steamer Bermuda Detained on Complaint of a British Agent.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 23.—A special five day injunction, restraining the steamer Bermuda, which acquired some reputation as a filibuster during the Spanish war, from leaving this port, was granted to-day by Judge Pennypacker in Common Pleas court. The application was made by George R. Gamble, of Kingston, Ja., a subject of Great Britain, who alleges that he has information that the vessel is to carry articles contraband of war to South Africa for the Boers.

For some time past it has been rumored that the famous filibuster was about to engage in the same business again, but those connected with the vessel made emphatic denials that such a move was contemplated.

NEW COTTON MILLS.

To be Erected in Gaston, Guilford and Johnston Counties.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, January 23.—Capital has been subscribed for a 3,000 spindle cotton mill at Lowell, in Gaston county. The organization has been perfected. S. M. Robinson is at the head of the enterprise.

A large mill is to be erected also at Bessemer City, near by. J. S. Ragsdale, of Jamestown, Guilford county, is organizing a company to erect a new cotton mill at that place. The Holts of Alamance and the Fries of Winston-Salem are interested with him in the movement.

Citizens of Clayton, N. C., last night organized a company with a capital of $75,000 to build a cotton mill.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice January 23rd, 1900.

WOMEN'S LIST.

Lucy Bolden, Mrs Burton, Mary Carter, Puss Castin, Maggie Davis, Annie Foy, Millie Fryerson, Sarah Jones, Mittie Grady, Mamie Garfield, Mariah Grey, Kitty A Gibbs, Hester Howard, L A Hicks, Minna Latham, H L Norries, Martha Nixon, Preciler Richardson, Sadie Sikes, Francis Williams, Lizzie Ward, Mary C Williams.

MEN'S LIST.

T E Allred, D Baker, Elias Bass, J E Blinton, T M Boon, E C Coleine, N E Farrell, S C Godwin, Chas H Henly, Julions Honnett, Andrew Keith, G G Lett, Capt G R Mawer, J L Meadows, N L Mayer, R A McEachern, Richard Nelson, C H Purdie, W I Perry, Alex H Robbins, Thos Rolance, Jr, Thos Ray J D Russ, W H Sandies, Henry Wright Jno J Wallack, R L Winston, M Wlidaimes.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

Dollie Bishop, Henry Cunningham, A P Harmony, E M Hoyt.

FOREIGN LETTERS.

Herman Allon.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days they will be sent to the dead letter office.

M. C. DARBY, Postmaster.

ASK A PARDON FOR WADLEY.

A Petition for Clemency for the Wythe Embezzler.

[*Richmond Dispatch.*]

A delegation of gentlemen from Smythe and Wythe counties called on Governor Tyler yesterday to ask him to grant a pardon to H. G. Wadley, of Wytheville, who has been sentenced to the penitentiary for one year upon conviction of having embezzled nearly $200,000 while occupying the office of president of a fire insurance company in Wytheville. He is now in the Wythe county jail.

The case of Wadley had been pending for nearly six years, until his conviction a few days ago. It went to the Supreme Court of the United States, but finally a conviction was obtained.

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M'ENERY'S REPLY TO PRITCHARD.

On Proposed Franchise Amendment to the Constitution of North Carolina.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Roberts Case Reported by Committee—Speeches by Taylor for the Majority and Littlefield for Minority—Roberts' Address.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 23.—Speechmaking occupied the Senate to-day. The features were the concluding speech of the session on the race question by Senator McEnery, Louisiana, supporting the proposed amendment to the North Carolina constitution, and a carefully prepared Philippine speech by Senator Ross, Vermont.

At the opening Senator Turley, Tennessee, reported from the committee on privileges and elections, a resolution on the case of former Senator Quay. The resolution follows: "That the Hon. Matthew S. Quay is not entitled to take his seat in this body as a Senator from the State of Pennsylvania."

The resolution was the judgment of the majority of the committee. The minority of the committee filed a report declaring that Mr. Quay was entitled to a seat in the Senate.

Senator Pettigrew, South Dakota, offered a resolution, which on objection went over, calling on the President for General J. C. Bates' report relating to the treaty with the Sultan of Sulu. Resolutions were adopted, calling upon the President for correspondence with Great Britain concerning the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, with the Colombian government as to the Panama canal; and with the new Panama Canal Company of France.

The Allen resolution calling upon the Treasurer for information as to all communication with the National City Bank of New York concerning the old custom house transfer was adopted.

Senator Turner, Washington, concluded his Philippine speech begun yesterday, and Senator Ross then spoke on his Philippine resolution. The Ross resolution declared that the constitution provisions do not, unaided by act of Congress, extend over the Philippines and Porto Rico; that the United States take sovereignty of those islands unrestrained by the constitution, etc. It was Senator Ross' maiden speech.

"The cession of sovereignty over a country by one nation to another," he said, "affects only the political relations of the inhabitants of the ceded country and makes them subjects thereafter of the nation receiving the cession. Laws, usages and municipal regulations in force at the time of cession remain in force until changed by the new sovereignty. The constitution therefore cannot, of its own inherent force, extend itself over such territory." He cited authorities in support of this contention.

He maintained that the United States ultimately would have the right to arraign this nation before the bar of nations to give an account of its voluntarily assumed stewardship, in which many delicate questions would be involved. He urged the creation of a separate department to look after the interests of these islands and the removal of all civil appointments therein from politics.

McEnery's Reply to Pritchard.

Senator McEnery, Democrat, Louisiana, then was recognized to deliver his announced speech on the resolution of Senator Pritchard, Republican, North Carolina, relating to the proposed amendment to the constitution of North Carolina.

He said the race question was one of the most serious which had ever confronted the nation, and added: "So far the best intellects of the South have endeavored to find some remedy to make the South prosperous, notwithstanding the presence of a vast number of ignorant blacks; to make her social position clear and defined in the separation of the races, and to place her on a political basis that will insure stability to her institutions; to make the ballot box the sacred depository of the liberties of the people instead of the charnel house where under negro domination they were assassinated; to prevent them by means of the ballot and superior numbers from again getting control of the State and inaugurating the era of terrorism and corruption which prevailed under this government from 1868 to '77.

"The recollection of that period is like a hell-born dream, and one is almost unnerved at the mention. It is the darkest and most shameful period in the history of the human race. The wonder now is that by force it was not sooner terminated by an outraged people.

"Annul the legislation of Louisiana, which has for its sole object the advancement of both races, the progress of the State, socially, politically, and industrially, and inaugurate again negro domination in that State, and the tragic period of 1876 will be re-enacted.

Cotton Claims.

Senator Tillman, of South Carolina, called up a bill to revive and amend an act to provide for the collection of abandoned property and the prevention of frauds in insurrectionary districts within the United States. On Senator Tillman's request, Senator Davis explained that the claims were not only just, but it was the bounden duty of Congress to provide for their payment. They covered captured and abandoned property.

Senator Hale: "Why, that will amount to $90,000,000 or $100,000."

To this Senator Davis dissented, saying that under court decisions the claims for captured and abandoned cotton would aggregate about $9,000,000. This money was in the treasury and had been held by the United States for twenty years, for those whom the courts had adjudged it to belong.

"It is not," said he, "a sluice-way for the payment of all the claims that have been referred to by Senator Hale."

The bill was objected to and it went over.

The Senate after a short executive session adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The opening debate in the Roberts case brought enormous crowds to the House to-day. Fully three-fourths of the spectators were women. Mr. Roberts was seated on the extreme right of the hall, and every neck was craned to view him. Nearly every member was in his seat when Mr. Tayler, Ohio, chairman of the special committee which investigated the case, arose from behind a desk stacked high with legal authorities and manuscript and called up the case.

Mr. Tayler is a young man, slight and pallid, but with energy and alertness stamped upon every feature of his countenance. He spoke clearly and earnestly. He asked that the agreement made between the majority and minority of the committee for a vote on the case at 4:30 P. M., on Thursday, be ratified by the House.

Mr. Lacey, Iowa, objected unless it be understood that a substitute resolution which he desired to offer should also be considered pending. To this Mr. Tayler objected. He also objected to having Mr. Lacey's proposition read, although appealed to by Mr. Bailey of Texas and Mr. Richardson of Tennessee. This proposition, as it subsequently developed, was for the expulsion of Mr. Roberts without swearing him. The majority resolutions to exclude him and the minority resolutions to permit him to be sworn in and then expelled, were laid before the House and without any agreement as to a vote, Mr. Tayler, Ohio, opened in support of the majority resolutions.

Mr. Tayler declared that the case presents in bold relief a question of governmental life, the basis of which is law. He said that though opinions might differ as to the unwisdom of laws, the people cannot stand for defiance of law, and how much more must they stand as respecters of such laws as have proceeded from the people, at their initiative, and sustained by the deliberate approval of substantially all the people.

"Of the more than 75,000,000 of American citizens, all but the merest handful believe and believe with a mighty fervor, in the kind of Commonwealth which Justice Matthews declares is founded on the marriage relation, existing for life between one man and one woman. That idea has for many years been crystallized into solemn and deliberate law whose principles and form have been approved by the highest judicial authority. Neither the presence nor the absence of certain words in the constitution can imply a certain meaning if it is possible that such meaning could have been expressed.

"If the member-elect from Utah is eligible to be a representative in Congress, then for the purpose of his case we must read into the constitution a proviso that will read, 'provided that no person shall be ineligible to a seat as such representative, who, in form and substance, in word and act, in life and practice, defies the constitution and the laws, and denies their validity and supremacy.'"

Mr. Littlefield, Maine, for the minority of the committee, was the minority spokeman. The only issue between the majority and minority was as to whether Roberts should be expelled or excluded.

The constitutional qualifications, age and inhabitancy, Mr. Littlefield argued, could not be added to. If they could, and the House now excluded a member because he was guilty of polygamous practices, next year it might exclude for adultery, or because a member was an attorney for a trust or an octopus or for any other reason. The right of a member to his seat was a constitutional right.

Mr. Roberts then spoke for one and a half hours, at ease and without temper. He said he might say with propriety: "A plague on both your houses," since both propose his undoing [laughter], but the situation was not altogether without its advantages. He was convinced with the minority that the House had no right to exclude him and with the majority that once admitted he could not be expelled. "Between the two," said he, "matters fall out about as I would have them and substantial justice will be done." [Renewed laughter.]

Mr. Roberts gave notice that he appropriated the arguments of the majority against expulsion and those of the minority against exclusion.

His constitutional qualifications were admitted by both the majority and minority of the committee, and he declared that the members of the House, if they had regard to the constitution of their country would call him back to the bar from which he had been improperly turned away. He warned the House that nations fell because they departed from their traditions. If a nation indulged in "constitutional immorality" it died as did the individual who was guilty of physical immorality. He beseeched the House not to yield to the clamor of unthinking people. Was this emergency? A man was elected to Congress who in the sanctity of the church had married a plurality of wives. He said we have passed the stage of representing or defending polygamy and he did not want his remarks so construed. He said the crime of polygamy is *malum prohibitum*, not *mala in se;* that in the teachings of the Great Master, although He denounced every crime, every sin that man can commit, there is no word of His condemning the conduct of the patriarchs or of the law as it was given to Moses and ancient Israel. He quoted Martin Luther as saying:

"I cannot protest when one takes many wives, for it does not contradict the scriptures;" and again that the gospels do not revoke or contradict the laws of Moses in matrimonial matters. I had rather had my flesh hewn from my limbs than to have been untrue to my people. It was this feeling that was the incentive to the lawlessness such as it was."

"But," he continued, "the time came when the Mormons of Utah were obliged to submit. Death had kindly solved the problem for some and the heartaches it left for others made them wish for the same end.

He insisted that the compact with the United States had been observed, that polygamy had practically ceased, that the Mormon Church had given up polygamy in good faith. Mr. Roberts said he had been in public life for twenty years and had not been driven to the defence of his moral character. He was not here representing the Mormon Church. He had received a greater number of votes from Gentiles than Mormons. "You can neither exclude nor expel me," said Mr. Roberts in conclusion. "I will cling so hard to the pillars of liberty that you shall not drag me from them without bringing down the whole temple. (Applause and hisses) I have lived with a good conscience until this day and am sensible of no act of shame upon my part. You can brand me with shame and send me forth; but I shall leave with head erect and brow undaunted and walk the earth as angels walk the clouds. If you violate the constitution all the shame will be with you."

There was a great outburst of applause in the galleries when Mr. Roberts concluded.

The speech for the minority by Mr. Littlefield, who succeeds the late Mr. Dingley, was masterful and stamps him as one of the coming men in the House. The manner in which he tore some of the arguments of the majority into shreds jumped him into the front rank of debaters in the House. The speech made a deep impression. In fact, it is predicted to-night by many members that the majority resolutions for exclusion cannot now carry.

Mr. Lacey, of Iowa, has a proposition which he will submit to expel Mr. Roberts by a two-thirds vote without seating him, which will have supporters and this may lead to a compromise proposition.

Miss Roberts, daughter of Mr. Roberts, was in the reserved gallery throughout the debate to-day. The debate will close next Thursday at 4.30.

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BULLER'S FORCES AT A STANDSTILL.

Gen. Warren Holds the Ridges But the Boers' Positions Are Higher.

NIGHT ASSAULT PROPOSED.

Situations at Ladysmith and Mafeking—Boers' Reports of Fighting on Sunday and Monday—British Public Fear Worse News.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, January 24, 4 A. M.—General Buller's great turning movement, of which so much has been expected, has come to a standstill. His carefully worded message to the War Office telling this, after a silence of two days, reads like an apology and an explanation.

General Warren holds the ridges, but the enemy's positions are higher. The British artillery is playing on the Boer positions, and the Boers are replying. The British infantry is separated by only 1,400 yards from the enemy, but an approach to the steep slopes across the bare open would expose the British to a fatal rifle fire.

General Buller's plans have reached their development. He declines to send his infantry across this zone against formidable positions by daylight, and discloses his purpose to assault the Spion Kop heights during the night. This appears to be the key to the Boer defences. If he takes it and thus commands the adjacent country, an important, possibly a decisive step, will be accomplished.

It seems that General Buller's dispatch reached the War Office rather early in the night and was the subject of a prolonged conference between Lord Lansdowne, Mr. Balfour and several staff officials.

The Buller dispatch, all things considered, looks like preparation for worse news to some of the newspapers. Parliament will meet in five days. The cabinet had been hoping for one rallying British success to cheer the country and to command generous support for fresh revenue measures. Among these will probably be an increase of the income tax to a shilling in the pound, but this would only provide the cost of five weeks hostilities. The duties on tobacco, alcohol, tea and coffee are likely to be raised.

The cabinet will meet at the end of the week and discuss the situation. Political considerations, both foreign and domestic, press upon the military authorities the necessity of speedily accomplishing something. These authorities may have been persuaded to urge General Buller to attempt his great operation without adequate preparation.

Apparently Lord Roberts has nothing whatever to do with General Buller's operations. General Buller and the War Office communicate with each other direct.

Situation at Ladysmith.

LONDON, January 24.—The *Daily Chronicle* publishes the following, heliographed from Ladysmith, dated January 22, by way of Swartzkop, January 23:

"Yesterday we could see British shells bursting close to the Boer camp on the plateau this side of Pol-gieter's drift, but the camp still remains in position there to day.

"We heard very heavy firing all this morning. The bombardment here is slack, but the Boer's big gun on Mount Bulwana is still firing."

Boers' Breach of Neutrality.

LONDON, Jan. 24.—Mail advices to the *Daily Mail* from Lisbon, dated January 19th, say:

"It has been officially notified to the government here from Lorenzo Marques that the Boers have committed a breach of neutrality by crossing Portuguese territory from Umballa to Rhodesia. A force of artillery has been sent there from Lorenzo Marques and the governor there has demanded reinforcements from here.

"Everything is being carried out with all possible secrecy, but I am informed on good authority that a portion of the troops have already started for Lorenzo Marques and that others will follow immediately."

This apparently indicates that the Boers are engaged in gun-running and men-importing through Rhodesia or perhaps are planning to take Col. Plumer in the flank.

Warren Holds His Position.

LONDON, January 24, 2.15 A. M.—The following dispatch from Buller, dated at Spearman's Camp, January 23rd, 6.25 P. M., has just been received at the War Office:

"Warren holds the position he gained two days ago. In front of him, at about 1,400 yards, is the enemy's position, west of Spion's Kop. It is on higher ground that Warren's position, so it is impossible to see into it properly.

"It can be approached only over bare open slopes and the ridges held by Warren are so steep that guns cannot be placed on them. But we are shelling the enemy's position with howitzers and field artillery, placed on lower ground, behind infantry.

"The enemy is replying with crusote and other artillery. In this duel the advantage rests with us, as we appear to be searching his trenches and his artillery fire is not causing us much loss.

"An attempt will be made to-night to seize Spions' kop, the salient of which forms the left of the enemy's position facing Trichard's drift and which divides it from the position facing Potgieter's drift. It has considerable command over all the enemy's entrenchments."

Boers' Report of Monday's Fighting.

BOER HEAD LAAGER, LADYSMITH, Jan. 23.—A battle has been raging along the Oliviers Hoek road since Saturday, between the Boers under Pretorious and six thousand British. The fighting is in full swing at Spion's kop. The Boers under Botha and Cronje have been sent thither.

The British elsewhere are only making a reconnoissance of the Boer positions.

President Steyn was under fire at the foremost position of the Free Staters.

Affairs at Mafeking.

MAFEKING, January 18.—Since the artillery attack of January 3, the Boers have not fired so many shells at this place. Natives report that the Boer chief gunner was wounded, that five men were killed and that their breastworks were damaged during the recent engagement. Commandant Erasmus and his friends are reported to have departed and the Boer forces in this vicinity are apparently fewer in number. Their estimated strength is 2,000 men.

KIMBERLEY, January 23.—The Boers continue an active and heavy bombardment of this place.

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MANILA ADVICES.

Santa Cruz Occupied by American Forces. Town Found Deserted.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MANILA, January 23, 9.50 A. M.—The Americans have occupied Santa Cruz, on Laguna de Bay, Laguna province. It was reported that many insurgents were concentrated there, but the town was found deserted. The military regulation requiring the streets to be cleared of natives at 8.30 P. M., has been changed to 10 o'clock.

WARM WIRELETS.

The transport Kilpatrick, having on board the first squadron of the Eighth cavalry, from Nuevitas, Cuba, arrived at Newport News yesterday. The squadron left there in the evening for Fort Riley, Kans.

Henry A. Hazen, one of the chief forecasters of the Weather Bureau and well known as a scientist, died last night in Washington, D. C., from injuries received by a bicycle collision with a negro pedestrian.

Lewis Davis, a negro preacher, near New Kent Court House, Va., while in a fight with his wife, was struck over the head with a stick and beaten so badly by her that on yesterday he died. The woman has been arrested.

The House Committee on Claims has favorably reported the bill reimbursing the English Cable Company for the cutting of two cables by Admiral Dewey during the war with Spain, amounting to $4,500.

M. C. Kendree, a well known drummer for the Georgia Cotton Oil Company, fell in the fire at his home in Macon, Ga. When he was taken out his face was burned to crisp and he died almost immediately. The fall was due to heart trouble.

The Glasgow steamer Ardandhu, Captain Dundas, from New London, Conn., for Halifax, N. S., was sunk in collision with the Metropolitan liner Herman Winter from Boston for New York, off Robinson's Hole, Vineyard sound, yesterday and two of her crew of thirty-one men were lost.

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